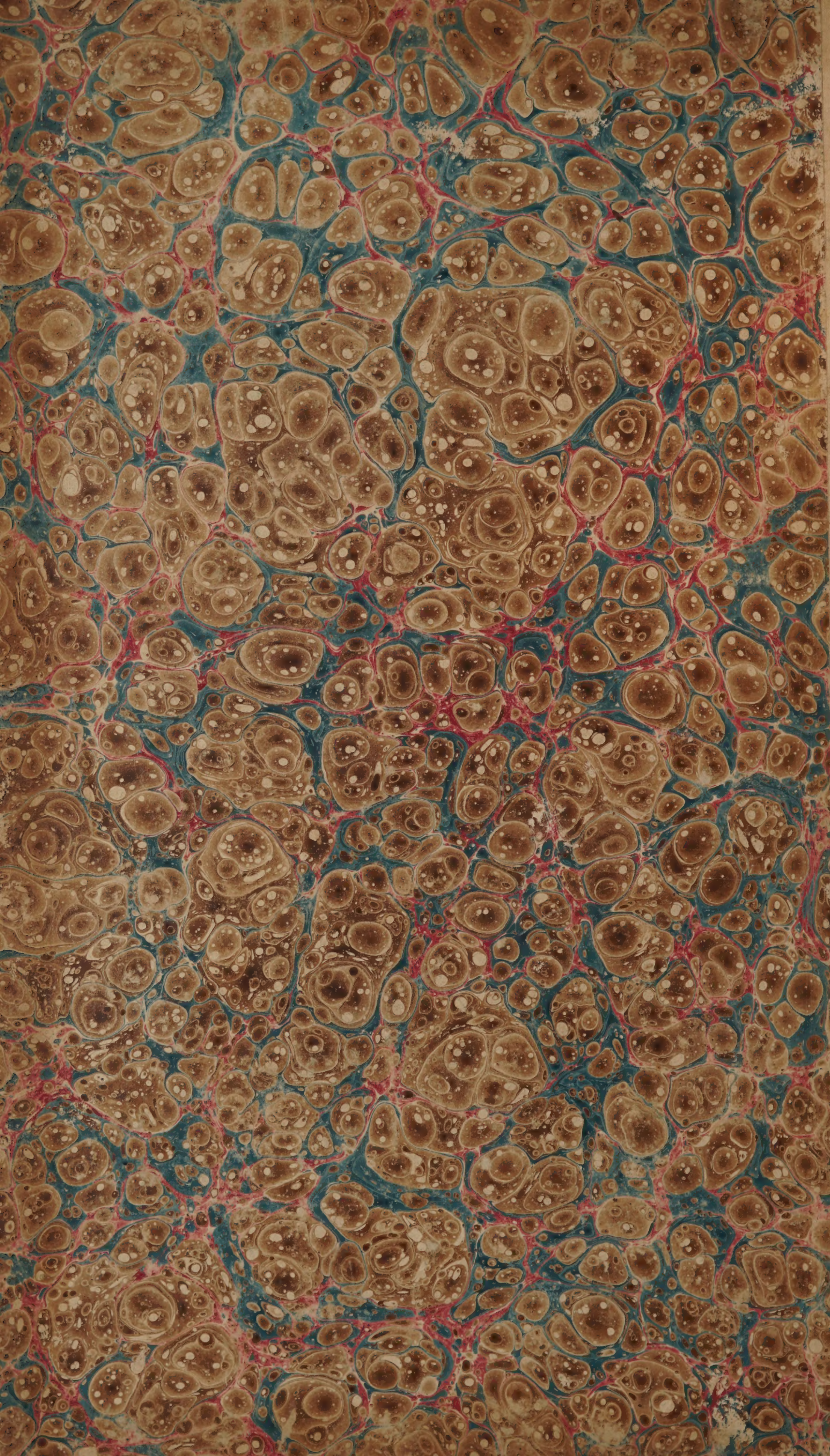


Quarterly Meeting

1836-11-2-1871
Y MEETING OF FRIENDS
FOR NEW ENGLAND



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No. 100.40 (m) Men
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R+ 24.1836-11.2.1871
/ YEARLY MEETING OF FRIENDS
FOR NEW ENGLAND

From 4m 83 to 5m 65 } Quarterly Net
to 5m 65 } inclusive

29 years record

appportionment

Rhode Island Monthly Meeting	25 1/2 per ct
Greenwich	10 1/2 " —
Swarmsay	10 " —
South Kingston	11 " —
Providence	47 1/2 " —

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends
held at Providence the 4th of 2^d mo. 1836.

The reports from the Monthly Meetings were
received & the representatives named therein are
from Rhode Island, Stephen Gould, Edward Wing
Asa Shearman & Thomas B. Gould
Greenwich Rowland Green and William Reynolds
Swansey, Samuel B. Chace, David Thove & Barzillia
Baffinton.

Southkingston John H. Kenyon & W^m A. Robinson
Providence Joseph Randall Caleb Paine & Seth Davis
who are all present

Edward Wing in behalf of the Representatives proposed
Arnold Congdon for Clerk & W^m Reynolds Assistant,
of this meeting for the ensuing year, the nomina-
tion was satisfactory and they are accordingly appoin-
ted to the service.

The Queries, & Answers to the 7th 2^d & 10th from our
Monthly Meetings have been read.

Providence Monthly Meeting inform of having
directed paid to our Treasurer \$235. as requested in
the 8th mo. last.

A Memorial prepared by Providence Monthly
Meeting, concerning our late beloved friend Obadiah
Brown, deceased, was read, approved & directed to
be laid before the meeting for sufferings, with a copy
of this minute annexed, signed by the Clerk.

The Womens Quarterly Meeting inform that they
concur with Southkingston Monthly Meeting in
approving the public Ministry of Eliza Beth Peck-
ham, the subject having been solidly considered,
this Meeting unites with them therein.

Several of the Monthly Meetings inform of
having had the subject of the Meeting house at Fall
River under consideration, but were not prepared
for definite reports, the subject is referred to our
next meeting.

2 At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at East Greenwich the 5th of 8th mo. 1836.

The Representatives named in the reports from the Monthly Meetings are from Rhode Island Edward Wing, John Stitchell & Stephen Gould
Greenwich Peres Tick & Beriah Brown
Swansey Clark Shove, Harvey Chace & David Shove.

South Kingstown Heskiah Babcock, Wm A Robinson & Timothy C. Collins.

Providence. Joseph Stetcalp, Wm Jenkins & Matthew Purinton, who are all present

Rhode Island & Swansey Monthly Meetings inform that they have paid to our Treasurer the amounts requested by this meeting in the 8th mo. last & Greenwich Monthly Meeting inform of having directed theirs paid.

The Queries, together with answers from our monthly Meetings have been read, and a summary as prepared by the Representatives, which being approved is directed to be recorded & forwarded to the Yearly Meeting.

We appoint Rowland Green, Andrew Nichols, Matthew Purinton, Thomas Anthony, Thomas Howland David Buffum & Benjamin Buffinton our Representatives to attend the ensuing Yearly Meeting.

Our Treasurer informs that the amount called for by minute of the last Yearly Meeting has been paid to their Treasurer.

A testimony concerning our late beloved friend Daniel Howland, deceased, from Greenwich Monthly Meeting, was read, approved & directed to be signed by the Clerk, in behalf of this meeting, & laid before the meeting for sufferings.

Our Esteemed friend Mary Card attended this meeting with a copy of a minute from ~~New Bedford~~ New Bedford Monthly Meeting expressive of her being a minister in unity, her company & service have acceptable to us.

Our esteemed friend Anna Macomber attended this meeting with a copy of ~~this~~ a minute from Westport Monthly Meeting held Apr 21. expressive of her being a minister in unity, her company & services have been acceptable to us.

The company of our friend Joseph Gifford companion to our aforementioned friends, with a copy of a minute from Dartmouth Monthly Meeting, is also acceptable.

The subject of rendering assistance to Swansea Monthly Meeting, to erect a new meeting house at Fall River, is postponed for the present.

The following communication to the Yearly Meeting was directed to be signed by the Clerk on behalf of this Meeting & forwarded by the Representatives. viz^c

To the Yearly Meeting.

Dear Friends

An epistolary communication, the report of the Boarding School Committee & other minutes from your last meeting have been received by us & have received our attention.

Rowland Greene, Andrew Nichols, Matthew Pierinton, Thomas Anthony, Thomas Howland, David Buffum & Benjamin Buffinton are appointed to attend the yearly meeting as our representatives.

A summary of the answers to the queries received at this time from our monthly meetings is annexed. Also a summary of the answers to queries in relation to friends schools & the children of friends who have attended friends schools.

We have united with the woman's Quarterly Meeting in approving the public ministry of Mary Shaw 2^d of Swansea Monthly Meeting, & of Elizabeth Peckham of South Kingstown Monthly Meeting.

Our Treasurer informs of having paid to yours \$450. as requested by minute of last year.

Signed by direction & on behalf of Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at East Greenwich the 5th of 5mo. 1836.

Arnold Congdon. Clerk.

Answers.

1st All our meetings for religious worship & discipline have been attended by most of our members, with the exception of three at Jamestown in consequence of inclement weather, also one at Richmond. Some deficiency in the middle of the week the hour generally observed, char of unbecoming behaviour excepting some instances of sleeping. Some care taken in the above deficiency.

2^d Love and Unity generally maintained, detraction mostly guarded against, when differences appear endeavours are used to end them.

3^d There is a good degree of care on the minds of most friends, to encourage plainness, & to restrain from reading pernicious books & from corrupt conversation, they are generally exemplary themselves. The Holy Scriptures frequently read in Friends families.

4. We believe friends are careful to avoid the use of spirituous liquors, except for medicine & the unnecessary frequenting of taverns & places of public resort & are generally exemplary in other respects as queried.

5. The circumstances of the poor are attended to, their children partake of learning, none placed out without the consent of the monthly meeting.

6. Friends are careful to observe the several parts of this query, except in a few instances, some care taken.

7. We believe friends are careful to support our testimony against Priests Wages, military matters, & to observe the other parts of the query.

8th Friends appear to be generally careful on these accounts, where it has appeared otherwise care has been taken.

9th Marriages are duly recorded, births deaths & burials mostly. a few removals without certificates.

10th Friends are careful to deal with offenders in good measure as guided to place judgement according to discipline. —

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting held at Portsmouth the 4th of 8th mo. 1836.

The Representatives named in the reports from the monthly meetings are from Rhode Island Jethro H. Mitchell Edward Wing, Asa Shearman & John Weedon

Greenwich Peter Peck & Thomas Howland
Swansey Harvey Chace, David Earle & David Shore.
South Kingstown Ethiel Foster. Wm A. Robinson & Peter Collins

Providence Joseph Metcalf, Matthew Purinton & Arnold Congdon, who are present.

The Queries together with the requisite answers from the monthly meetings have been read.

The Representatives appointed to attend the Yearly Meeting inform of their attention to that service.

Minutes of the late Yearly meeting in reference to certain publications connected with the doctrine of our Society & upon the subject of education, with the report of the Boarding School Committee, all in a printed form were rec^d. read, & are satisfactory; Copies thereof are directed to be forwarded to our subordinate meetings.

This meeting concludes to raise \$310. for its use the ensuing year which the monthly meetings are desired to pay to our Treasurer in the usual proportions viz. R. Island \$66.²⁵/₁₀₀ Greenwich \$32.⁵⁵/₁₀₀ Swansey \$31. South Kingstown \$34.¹⁶/₁₀₀ Providence \$145⁷⁰⁰ of which the Clerk is requested to inform them.

6. The sum called for by minute of the Yearly Meeting is \$210.

The Clerk was directed to sign on behalf of this meeting minutes prepared in the Womens meeting respecting the late visit of our friends Anna Macomber and Mary Gard.

Our beloved friend Elizabeth Wing informed us of a concern which had for some time impressed her mind to make a religious visit to Friends of Nine partners & Cornwall Quarterly meetings & to attend some meetings within the limits of Quarterly meetings in the neighborhood of those above mentioned. The subject was solidly considered & the proposed visit fully united with. The Clerk was directed to sign on our behalf an endorsement to the certificate of Rhode Island Monthly Meeting, which was read embracing the substance of this minute.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Somerset the 3^d of 11th mo. 1836.

The Representatives named in the reports from the monthly meetings are from Rhode Island Edward Wing, Benjamin Mott & John Stitchell Greenwich Rowland Green & Nicholas Congdon. Swansea David Earle, Miller Chace & David Shove.

Southkingston Lewis Collins & Thomas Foster Providence Jonathan Congdon, John T. Kenyon & Thomas Harkness, who are present except three. Their absence is attributed to the severity of the storm which prevails.

The Queries together with the requisite answers from all our monthly meetings have been read.

Edward Wing Mr Reynolds, David Buffum, Joseph Metcalf John Hilber & Oliver Earle are appointed a committee to consider of the expediency of erecting an additional shed room in the yard attached to this house. & to consult Swansea monthly Meeting respecting it, & to report the probable expense to our next meeting.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of
Friends held at Providence the 2^d of 2^{mo}. 1837.

The Reports from our Monthly Meetings
having been presented, the Representatives named
therein are from Rhode Island

Edward King, Samuel Dennis & David Buffum
Greenwich, Leonard Green & Nicholas Congdon,
Swansea, Palmer Chase, David Snow & Oliver
Earle.

South Kingstown, Thomas Foster & Timothy C. Collins,
Providence, Elihu Bowen Wm. Gamble & Joseph
Metcalf. who are present except two for
the absence of one of whom a satisfactory reason
was offered.

Edward King on behalf of the Representatives
proposed, Arnold Congdon, for Clerk & David Buffum
Assistant, for the ensuing year, which being satis-
factory, they are appointed accordingly.

Greenwich & Providence Monthly Meetings informed
of having directed their respective proportions of the
Ann^y. requested to be raised in the 8th mo. last, paid
to our Treasurer.

The Queries & requisite answers from all our Month-
ly Meetings have been read.

The subject of erecting sheds in the yard of our
meeting house at Somerset, having rec^d the attention
of the Committee, is referred under their care, to make
report to our next meeting.

The general epistle from the Yearly Meeting of
London of 5^{mo}. last & an epistle of counsel from the
same meeting to those subordinate thereto, were
received & read at this time & were acceptable, and
satisfactory to us. Copies are directed to be forwarded
to our Monthly meetings.

Greenwich Monthly Meeting inform that they are united in the appointment of Daniel Anthony to the station of an Elder, the subject having been soledly considered, with the unity of Womans Quarterly Meeting we concur with them therein, & Perez Peck is appointed to inform the select Quarterly Meeting thereof.

Our esteemed friend Daniel Clapp attended this Meeting with a copy of a minute of Wobridge Monthly Meeting held 12th mo. 30. last, expressive of its unity with his ministry & present engagements. His company & service have been acceptable to us.

Our esteemed friends John & Elisabeth Meador of Berwick Monthly Meeting & Susan Howland of New Bedford Monthly Meeting, attended this Meeting with satisfactory minutes from their respective meetings, held 11th mo. 24 & mo. 26. last, expressive of their unity with their ministry & present religious engagements, their company & service have been acceptable to us.

The Company of our esteemed friend Mary Howland, companion to our friend Susan Howland with a copy of a minute of New Bedford Monthly Meeting mo. 26. last, is also acceptable.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at East Greenwich the 4th of 5th mo. 1837.

The reports from the Monthly Meetings were presented, the Representatives named therein are from Rhode Island Stephen Gould & Josiah H. Mitchell & Stephen Chace.

Greenwich Daniel Anthony, Nicholas Congdon & Wm Reynolds.

Swansey, Oliver Chace, Thos. Sade & Theophilus Shaw.

South Kings. co., John B. Doctray, Wm S. Perry & John 9.
Wilbur

Providence Josiah Metcalf Samuel B. Tobey & Arnold
Longdon.
who are present

The Queries with answers from our Monthly Meetings
have been read, together with a summary prepared by
the Representatives which being approved is directed
to be recorded & forwarded to the Yearly Meeting.

Rhode Island Swansea. Monthly Meetings inform
of having paid their proportions of the sum requested
to be raised in the 8th mo. last, to our Treasurer.

We appoint Thomas Anthony, David Buffum,
Edmund Chace, Matthew Parinton, Thomas Howland
& John Wilbur to attend the ensuing Yearly Meeting
as our Representatives.

Our Treasurer reports that he has paid to the Yearly
Meeting's Treasurer the amt. called for by their minute
of last year.

The Committee on the subject of Sheds in the yard of
our Meeting house at Somerset made the following
report viz:

To the Quarterly Meeting to be held at East
Greenwich 5th mo 4. 1837.

We your Committee appointed in the 11th mo. last to
consider of the expediency of erecting a shed in the
Meeting house yard in Somerset have consulted Swan-
sey Monthly Meeting, and obtained liberty for this
Meeting to build one, which we think is necessary, and
we think 150 feet in length by 17 feet, and the probable
expence about \$275. All of which we submit to the
meeting.
Edward King, for the
Committee.

which was accepted Swansea Monthly Meeting
are requested to have the proposed work done, at a
suitable time, & pay the expence, when accomplished.

The Clerk was directed to forward to Uxbridge Monthly
Meeting a copy of the minute made at our last meeting.

10. respecting our friend Daniel Clapp.

The Clerk was also directed to forward to Berwick Monthly Meeting a copy of the minute made at our last meeting respecting our friends John & Elizabeth Meader, the Womens Quarterly Meeting uniting therein.

Our esteemed friend Susan Howland having acceptably attended our last Quarterly Meeting with a copy of a minute from New Bedford Monthly Meeting, and this meeting is informed that she subsequently visited nearly all the families of friends of Providence Monthly Meeting to their satisfaction. The Clerk was directed to forward to New Bedford Monthly Meeting a copy of this minute, the Womens Quarterly Meeting uniting therein.

Our esteemed Friend Ruth Davis attended this meeting & presented a copy of a minute from New Bedford Monthly Meeting held 4mo 27. last, expressive of its unity with her ministry & present engagements, her company has been acceptable to us.

Our Esteemed friend Joseph Davis also attended this meeting with a copy of a minute from the same meeting, his Company & Service have been acceptable to us.

The following communication to the Yearly Meeting was directed to be signed by the Clerk on behalf of this meeting & forwarded by the Representatives viz.

To the Yearly Meeting

Dear friends

Since our last report, we have with the unity of the Womens Quarterly Meeting, approved of the appointment by Greenwich Meeting of Daniel Anthony to the place of an Elder.

For the present state of the Society within our limits as exhibited by answers to the queries we refer to a summary thereof herewith forwarded.

We also annex a summary of the answers rec^d at this time on the subject of education.

We have appointed Thomas Anthony, David Buffum, Edmund Chace, Matthew Parinton Thomas Howland & John Wilbur to attend the yearly meeting as our Representatives.

Several minutes of the last Yearly Meeting were received in due course by this & their contents have received our attention.

Our Treasurer informs of having paid to you, the amount requested by minute of last Year.

Signed on behalf, by direction of Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting held at East Greenwich the 4th & 5th mo 1837.
Arnold Congdon, Clerk.

Ans. 1. All our Meetings for worship & discipline have been attended, (with the exception of four small meetings two of which were attended by one friend) yet a want of engagement is apparent with some in this important duty, particularly in the middle of the week, the hour nearly observed, clear of unbecoming behaviour, except a few instances of sleeping.

Ans. 2.^d Love and Unity in a good degree maintained among us and detractions guarded against, endeavours are used to end differences when they appear.

Ans. 3.^d Friends appear to be generally careful to bring up those under their care in plainness, and to restrain them from pernicious books & from corrupt conversation, and are mostly pretty good examples themselves. We believe the Holy Scriptures are frequently read in friends families.

Ans. 4.th Friends generally careful on those accounts with a few exceptions in frequenting of taverns, reported from one monthly meeting, some care taken.

Ans. 5.th The circumstances of the poor have been attended to and their necessities relieved, their children partake of learning, none placed out.

Ans. 6.th Friends generally careful to observe the several parts of this query.

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Ans. 7th Clear as far as appears.

Ans. 8th Friends are generally careful to observe the several parts of this Query.

Ans. 9th Generally careful as to records, a few removals, mostly of recent occurrence, without certificates.

Ans. 10th Care is manifested for the regular dealing with offenders in good measure agreeably to the Query, and for placing judgement according to discipline.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting
held at Portsmouth the 3^d of 8th mo. 1837.

The Representatives named in the reports from the Monthly Meetings received at this time, are from Rhode Island Jos. Anthony Edward Wing & Asa Sherman
Greenwich Thomas Howland & Geo. C. Kenyon
Swansey Theophilus Shove. David E. C. T.

Brayton Slade
South Kingstown Andrew Nichols & Daniel
Foster & William S. Pury.

Providence Wm Jenkins Joseph Metcalf &
Jonathan Congdon, who are present
except one.

Our esteemed friend Joseph Hoag attended this meeting with certificates from Ferrisburg Monthly & Quarterly Meetings, dated the 3^d & 10th of 8th mo. last, stating their unity with his ~~visit~~ Ministry & present visit, his company & service have been acceptable to us. The company of our esteemed friend Huldah Hoag with similar certificates from the same meetings is also acceptable. The Clerk is directed to hand them a copy of this minute.

The Queries & Answers to the 1st 2^d & 10th from our monthly meetings have been read.

The Representatives appointed to attend the late Yearly Meeting inform of having attended to that service.

The last report of the Boarding School Committee together with some minutes of the Yearly Meeting in relation thereto & upon some other subjects were received and read at this time & printed copies have been forwarded to our monthly meetings.

By a minute of the late Yearly Meeting this meeting is requested to raise for that meeting use \$360. Upon consideration it is concluded to raise the sum of \$600. to supply our Treasury, which the monthly meetings are desired to pay to our Treasury in the usual proportions of which the Clerk is requested to inform them.

Our beloved friend Anna Jenkins informed this meeting of a concern to attend the ensuing Yearly Meeting of Friends at Baltimore & as way may open for it also to visit some meetings within the limits of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting. & presented a certificate of the Unity of Providence Monthly Meeting with her in the proposed visit. The meeting after deliberate consideration, ~~consideration~~, came with Providence Monthly Meeting in liberating her to attend to her prospect & an endorsement on her Certificate was prepared & directed ^{to be signed} by the Clerk.

Thomas Howland & Rowland Greene are appointed a Committee to extend some care with respect to suitable company & the accommodations for our friends.

The time for which our Treasurer was appointed having expired Job Sherman & Thomas Gould are appointed a Committee to examine his account, report the state of it, & propose a Treasurer.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting
of Friends held at Somerset the 2^d of 11th Mo
1837.

The Representatives named in the reports
from the monthly meetings are from
Rhode Island Zacheus Chace, Thos. P. Nichols
& Jonathan Dennis.

Greenwich Beriah Collins, Pers. Beck
Swansey Edmund Chace, Philip Tripp
Abner Slade

South Kingston, Ottniel Foster, William
S. Perry, & John Wilbur

Providence Wm Jenkins, Matthew Parinton
George Perry, who are present except two.

The Queries, together with the requisite answers
from our Monthly Meetings have been read.

Our esteemed Friend Abijah Johnson attended
this Meeting, with a copy of a minute from
their Monthly Meeting, expressive of its unity
with his Ministry & present engagements, his
company & service have been acceptable to us,
& the Clerk was directed to hand him a copy
of this minute.

Swansey Monthly Meeting inform of having
discharged their proportion of the Ann. requested
to be raised at our last Meeting, paid to our
Treasurer.

Our esteemed friend John Wilbur informed
this Meeting of a concern which has for some time
impressed his mind to pay a religious visit to Friends
& others in the Southern part of New York Yearly
Meeting and to appoint a few Meetings in Connecticut.
The concern received the weighty deliberation of
the Meeting and was united with, & an endorsement
prepared & directed to be signed by the Clerk.

Pers Beck Stephen Gould & Andrew Nichols

are appointed a Committee with whom our friend^{15.}
may consult with respect to suitable company &c.

The Committee appointed to examine the Treasurer's
acc^t. made the following report viz^t:

To Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting next to be
held at Somerset.

Agreeably to our appointment we have
examined & settled the Treasurer's acc^t. & find a
balance in his hands of \$29. 93/100. We propose the
reappointment of Stephen Gould for Treasurer of
this Meeting the ensuing year.

(Signed) Jos. Sherman
Newport 10th mo. 19. 1837. Thos. B. Gould.

which is accepted & Stephen Gould is appointed
Treasurer for the ensuing year.

Swansey monthly Meeting reports that ~~they~~ it
has erected the shed which this Meeting requested
it to do in the 5th mo. last. The Am^t. expended is
\$377. 79/100. The report is satisfactory and our Treasurer
is requested to discharge the debt.

The general epistle from the last Yearly Meeting
held in London was read at this time, & was to
Our edification. —

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of
Friends held at Providence the 1st of 2nd mo. 1838

The Representatives named in the reports
from the monthly meetings rec^d. at this time
are from Rhode Island Jonathan Dennis
& Edward Wing —

Greenwich Lloyd Greene & Beriah Collins
Swansey David Shaw Oliver Earle & Abner Shade
South Kingstown Wm. A. Robinson Timothy C.

Collins & Oriniel Foster.

Providence Matthew Reminton James Dennis
& Anna Haskell

who are present except one.

Edward Wing on behalf of the Representatives proposed Arnold Congdon for Clerk & David Buffum Assistant, for the year ensuing which being satisfactory, they are appointed accordingly.

The Queries together with the requisite answers from our monthly meetings have been read.

Providence Monthly Meeting informs of having directed \$282, paid to our Treasurer in compliance with the request of this meeting in the 8th Mo. last.

Swansey monthly meeting informs that Rebecca Chace appeals from the judgement of that meeting in the case of her disownment, Your Womens Meeting having requested that a Committee be appointed by this meeting to join theirs in hearing the parties, it is concluded to appoint Nicholas Congdon, Henry Gould, Matthew Paine & Mrs. Perry for that service, to report to our next meeting.

Our esteemed friend Anna A. Jenkins returned at this time the endorsement made to a Certificate in the 8th Mo. last, & informed that she had been enabled to accomplish the service in prospect, to the peace of her mind. A return minute from the Yearly meeting of Baltimore was read stating that she had acceptably attended the meeting, which is satisfactory to us.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of
Friends held at East Greenwich the 3^d of 5th mo.
1838.

The Representatives named in the reports
received at this time are from
Rhode Island David Buffum. Edward Wing
& Samuel Dennis
Greenwich Nicholas Congdon & Lloyd Green
Swansey Edmund Chase. Bazillie Buffinton
& Moses Buffinton
South Kingstown Sylvester C. Robinson. Amos W. Collins
& Heskiah Babcock
Providence Thomas Harkness. Matthew Parmenter
& John Meader who are present except two

Rhode Island Monthly Meeting informs of having
paid its proportion & Greenwich & South Kingstown
Monthly Meetings, inform of having directed
their proportions of the sum requested to be raised
in the 8th mo last paid to our Treasurer.

The Queries together with the answers from our
Monthly Meetings have been read & a summary
as prepared by the Representatives, which being
approved, was directed to be recorded & forwarded
to the ensuing Yearly Meeting.

We appoint Rowland Green, Thomas Anthony
John Meader David Buffum, Edmund Chase,
John Wilbur & Benjamin Buffinton our Representa-
tives to attend ~~the~~ ensuing Yearly Meeting.

Our Treasurer informs that he has paid to the
Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting \$360. as requested
by their minute of last Year.

The Committee appointed upon the subject of
Rebecca Chace's appeal made the following report
To the Quarterly Meeting of Friends next to be held
at East Greenwich,
Your Committee appointed to investigate the

case of Rebecca Chase's appeal report, that they have met and conferred together on the subject and having duly notified her thru several times of the place time of our meeting, and she not appearing to prosecute her ~~appeal~~ complaint; it is our judgement that friends have nothing further to do in the case.

Signed on behalf of the Committee

Mattheco Pierinton

Lydia C. Smith

which is accepted & the Committee released from further attention thereto.

The following communication to the Yearly Meeting was directed to be signed by the Clerk & forwarded by the Representatives.

To the Yearly Meeting

Dear Friends.

We appoint Rowland Green,

Thomas Anthony, John Meader, David Buffum Edmund Chase, John Wilbur, Benj. Buffinton to attend the Yearly Meeting as our representatives.

Our Treasurer informs of having paid to you the sum requested by minute of last Year.

A summary of the answers to the Queries rec^d. at this time, is annexed for your information upon the subjects to which they relate.

We have received the minutes directed to us from your meeting of last Year, which have been read & copies forwarded to our monthly meetings as requested.

Signed on behalf, by direction of Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at East Greenwich the 3^d of 5th Mo. 1838.

Arnold Congdon, Clerk

Ans. 1st Our meetings for religious worship and discipline have been attended (with the exception of one preparative meeting and several small meetings named in three of the accounts, some of which were attended by one friend) those on first days by the greater part of friends,

those in the middle of the ~~middle~~ week and for '9 discipline not so well attended - the hour generally observed - clear of unbecoming behavior, except some instances of sleeping, some care taken

Ans 2^d Love and unity generally maintained and detraction guarded against, no differences have come to our knowledge

Ans 3^d Friends are generally careful to bring up those under their ~~care~~ direction in plainness and to restrain them from reading pernicious books & generally good examples herein themselves, the Holy Scriptures are frequently read in friends families.

Ans 4th Friends are careful in these respects as far as appears.

Ans 5th The circumstances of the poor have been inspected and their necessities relieved, none placed out that we know of except in one instance.

Ans 6th Generally careful in these respects (except a few instances of keeping company out of the order of Society, some care taken)

Ans 7th We believe friends are generally careful in these respects.

Ans 8th Friends are mostly careful to inspect their affairs and settle their accounts, also to be punctual to their promises and just in the payments of their debts, and careful to live within the bounds of their circumstances - one account says a few not sufficiently careful, & some care taken.

Ans 9th Generally careful as to records, a few removals without certificates, mostly under notice.

Ans 10th Care taken to deal with offenders in good degree as queried and all the accounts except one state that care is taken to place judgement according to discipline.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of
Friends held at Portsmouth the 2^d of 8th mo. 1838

The Representatives named in the reports from
the monthly meetings are from Rhode Island
Job Sherman, Job Anthony, Josiah Chase &
David Buffum.

Greenwich Nicholas Congdon, Peter Peck &
William Reynolds

Swansey, Oliver Chase, David Shove and Wm
Hade.

South Kingstown, John B. Dockray, Othniel
Foster & Wm A Robinson

Providence Arnold Congdon, Thomas Hartness
& Joseph Metcalf.

who are present except one whose absence is
satisfactorily accounted for.

The Queries with answers to the 1st, 2^d & 10th from
our monthly meetings have been read.

The Representatives to the Yearly Meeting
report their attention to that service.

Our esteemed friend John Wilbur returned
at this time the endorsement made on a
certificate in his behalf in the 11th mo. 1837. with
the information that the service in prospect
had been accomplished to the peace of his mind.
He also presented satisfactory return minutes
from the Yearly Meeting of New York & Social
Quarterly & monthly meetings within its limits.

Our esteemed friend John Meader opened in
this meeting a concern to make a religious visit
to some of the meetings of Friends & to appoint
some meetings among those not of our Society within
the limits of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting, partic-
ularly in the State of New Jersey & in about Philad.
and also to attend the ensuing Yearly Meeting
at Baltimore & some meetings within its limits.

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He also presented a certificate of the unity of Providence Monthly Meeting with his prospect. His concern having received our solid consideration, the meeting concurs with Providence Monthly Meeting in leaving him at liberty to proceed therein. An endorsement embracing the substance of this minute was prepared and directed to be signed by the Clerk.

By a minute of the late Yearly Meeting this meeting ~~this meeting~~ is requested to raise for the use of that meeting \$390.

The report of the Boarding School Committee. Some extracts from the minutes of the Yearly Meeting have been read and are acceptable. Copies were directed to be forwarded to our monthly meetings.

Our esteemed friend Elizabeth Meader informed this meeting of a concern to pay a religious visit to some of the meetings of Friends & to appoint some among those not of our society within the limits of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting, particularly in the State of New Jersey and in and about Philad^a. Her prospect was weightily considered and the meeting unites with Providence Monthly Meeting in leaving her at liberty to attend thereto. The Clerk was directed to sign on behalf of the meeting an endorsement embracing the substance of this minute.

The representatives appointed to this meeting are requested to take into consideration the subject of the apportionment to our monthly meetings of the sums of money which this meeting may conclude to raise and report to our next meeting.

Matthew Purington Thomas Harkness & Sassi B. Tobey are appointed to extend some care respecting the proposed visits of our friends John & Elizabeth Meader.

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At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of
Friends held at Somerset the 4th of 11th mo. 1838.

The reports from the Monthly Meetings were
received & the following friends were named as
representatives viz:

Rhode Island Jethro F. Mitchell Jon^a. Dennis &
Henry Gould.
Greenwich William Reynolds & George J. Adams.
Swansey, Palmer Chase, Theophilus Shove &
Gideon Chase.
South Kingstown, John B. Dockray & Othniel Foster.
Providence William Jenkins, James Dennis
& Joseph Metcalf, who are present.

The Queries have been read, together with the re-
quisite answers received from the monthly meetings.

This meeting is informed by the representatives
that way does not open for a new apportionment of
the money to be raised at present. The subject is there-
fore deferred for future consideration.

David Buffum, Wm Jenkins & Jonathan Dennis are
appointed to examine the account of our late
Treasurer Stephen Gould, deceased, report the state
of it & propose a Treasurer to our next meeting.

This meeting concludes to raise for its use the
ensuing year \$700. which our monthly meetings
are requested to forward to the Treasurer to be appo-
inted at our next meeting, in the usual proportions.
And the Clerk is directed to furnish them with
a copy of this minute, & with their respective propor-
tions.

David Buffum is appointed to act in our behalf
upon any subject connected with the Treasury until
a Treasurer is appointed.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends
held at Providence the 7th of 2^d month 1839 -

The reports from our Monthly Meetings were received
and the following friends were named therein as Rep-
resentatives - viz - from Rhode Island

David Duffum Josiah Chace & Samuel Dennis
Greenwich - Lloyd Shum & Piriah Collins

Swansey - David Shoor - Miller Chace & Edmund Chace

South Kingston - Othniel Foster - Wm A. Robinson - &
Andrew Nichols -

Providence - Joseph Randall - Reuben J. Peckham

Joseph Melcarr & George F. Read - who are present
except one, for whose absence a satisfactory reason
is given -

Arnold Congdon having
requested to be released from that service the Rep-
resentatives have proposed William Jenkins for clerk
and David Duffum for assistant clerk for ^{the} ensuing
year, which was approved and they are appointed
accordingly -

The queries have been read to-
gether with the requisite answers from the several
Monthly Meetings -

Swansey Monthly Meeting
informs that they have directed their proportion
of Stock paid to our Treasurer -

The Committee appointed to settle the act of the
late Treasurer made the following Report - viz

The Committee appointed to examine &
settle the account of the late Treasurer have
attended to this appointment and find a
balance in the Treasury of Fourteen ⁵⁰⁰ Dollars and
that there is now due from the Quarterly Meeting
Two hundred & thirty ⁶⁰ Dollars with the interest since
1st month last - We propose to welcome Congdon
for Treasurer -

Providence 2^d mo. 7. 1839

Jonathan Dennis
William Jenkins
David Duffum

Which is acceptable and Welcome Congdon is

appointed Treasurer of this meeting for the year ensuing - William Jenkins is requested to hand him the Balance in the Treasury together with the Book and papers -

Our friend Anna D Wing attended this Meeting with a copy of a minute from Sandwich Monthly Meeting held on the 1st of the present month expressive of her being in unity - her company and religious services have been acceptable - Our friend Ebenezer Wing also attended this meeting as companion to our friend Anna D Wing, with a copy of a minute of the same date certifying that he is a member in unity - his company has been acceptable -

Our friend John Meader returned at this time the certificate granted him in the eighth month last with an endorsement from Ballinow Meeting held in the eleventh month certifying that he had acceptably attended that Meeting - he also informed that the visit had been accomplished to the satisfaction and peace of his own mind -

Our friend Elizabeth Meader returned to this meeting the certificate granted her in the eighth month last, with the information that she had been mercifully favoured to perform her visit to the satisfaction and peace of her own mind -

A Testimony of Swansea Monthly Meeting issued in the Tenth month last concerning our late beloved friend Daniel Drayton deceased, was read at this time, approved and directed to be forwarded to the Meeting for Sufferings - it having received the approval of the women's Quarterly Meeting

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of
Friends held at East Greenwich 3rd Mo 2^d 1839

The Representatives named in the accounts
received from the several Monthly Meetings are from
Rhode Island - Edward Wing, Lachens Chace,
3 Jethro Mitchell -
Greenwich - Lloyd Green, John N Kenyon,
3 Nicholas Congdon
Swansey - David Cook, Edmund Chace, Palmer Chace -
South Kingston - Ottniel Porter - Timothy Collins, John B.
3 Dockray.
Providence - Arnold Congdon, Thomas Harkness, Davis
3 Metcalf
who are present except one -

The queries have been read, together with answers
from our Monthly Meetings, and a summary prepared
by our Representatives, which is directed to be forwarded
for the information of the Yearly Meeting -

John Wilbour, Rowland Green, Theophilus Shore,
Thomas Anthony, John Meader, David Buffum,
William Jenkins, Jethro F. Mitchell, and Arnold Congdon
are appointed our Representatives to attend the ensuing
Yearly Meeting -

The Monthly Meetings have informed
that they have paid or directed to be paid their
several apportionments to our Treasurer - The
Treasurer of the Quarterly Meeting is directed to
pay to the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting our
proportion of Stock, called for in the Sixth
month last -

The clerk was directed to sign
a minute prepared in the Womens Meeting on

behalf of our friend (Anna D Wing,

The following communication to the Yearly Meeting was directed to be signed by the Clerk on behalf of this Meeting and forwarded by the Representatives

To the Yearly Meeting

Dear Friends, We have appointed John Willbourn, Rowland Green, Theophilus Shore, Thomas Anthony, John Meader, David Buffum, William Jenkins, Jethro F. Mitchell, and Arnold Congdon, our Representatives to attend the Yearly Meeting -

Our Treasurer is directed to pay to yours the sum requested by minute of the last year -

We have received the Report of the Boarding School Committee, and other minutes directed to us the last year, which were read and were acceptable and copies transmitted to the Monthly Meetings -

Annexed is a Summary of the answers to the Queries received at this time from our several Monthly Meetings, which we forward for your information -

Signed by direction
and on behalf of Rhode Island Quarterly
Meeting of Friends held at East Greenwich
the 2^d of 3rd month 1839

William Jenkins Clerk

Answer 1st - All our meetings for religious worship and discipline except two in the middle of the week, have been attended, those on first days and for discipline generally by most friends, mid week meetings more neglected by some the hour nearly observed, some appearances of sleeping on a few, of unbecoming behaviour

mostly char, some care taken -

Answer 2^d Love and unity in a good degree maintained, and detraction generally guarded against, no differences have come to our knowledge

Answer 3^d - Friends appear to be generally careful to bring up those under their direction in plainness - to restrain them from reading pernicious books and corrupt conversation, and are pretty good examples themselves. it appears, the Holy Scriptures are frequently read in friends families -

Answer 4th Careful on these accounts, as far as appears, except in one instance under notice -

Answer 5th - The circumstances of the poor are inspected and their necessities relieved, their children partake of learning, none placed out -

Answer 6th - Generally careful - a few instances of marriages out of the order of Society under ~~notice~~ notice

Answer 7th - Our testimonies are maintained in these respects, as far as appears, except in one instance of hiring a seat in the meetinghouse of another Society, under care

Answer 8th - Generally careful, in a very few instances, deficiencies on these accounts have been manifested, some care taken

Answer 9th Generally careful respecting Records, a few Removals, without Certificate, mostly under care -

Answer 10th Friends manifest a care
regularly to deal with all offenders,
in good measure, agreeably to the query
and judgment has been placed, when
necessary according to discipline -

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends
held at Portsmouth 8th Month 1st 1839.

In the accounts from our several Monthly Meet-
ings the following are named as Representatives
viz Rhode Island - Job Shearman -
Moses H. Beedee - Jonathan Dennis -

Greenwich - Rowland Green, George C Kenyon

Swansey - Oliver Shae, Mark Anthony,
Abner Slade.

South Kingstown - Othniel Foster, John Wilbur
Timothy C Collins.

Providence - Joseph Metcalf - William Jenkins
Allen Wing.

Who are present -

The queries have been read, together
with the requisite answers from our several
Monthly Meetings -

The Representatives to the Yearly
Meeting inform that they all attended -

By a minute from the last
Yearly Meeting it appears that our proportion
of Stock is Three hundred & Ninety Dollars.

and the several Monthly Meetings are requested to forward their several proportions to our Treasurer.

Our beloved friend Elizabeth Robson from Great Britain, attended this Meeting with satisfactory certificates from Hardshaw West Monthly Meeting held at Liverpool the 19th day of 9th month 1838. and a Certificate from the Meeting of Ministers and Elders held in London the 8th of 10th month 1838 -

her company and religious services have been truly acceptable and comforting to us -

Our esteemed friend Thomas Robson of Liverpool Great Britain, also attended this Meeting in company with his wife, and presented a Certificate from Hardshaw West Monthly Meeting, informing that he is a member of that Meeting and in unity and good esteem as an Elder - his company has been very acceptable to us -

Our esteemed friend Joseph Edgerton attended this Meeting with a Certificate from Somerset Monthly Meeting Ohio, dated 2^d month 27th 1839, certifying that he is a Minister in unity with them, with an Endorsement from Still Water Quarterly Meeting held 10th of 3^d month 1839 - his company and religious services have been acceptable to us -

Our esteemed friend William Dewees as Companion to our friend Joseph Edgerton also attended this Meeting with a Certificate from Chesterfield Monthly Meeting dated 10th of 3^d month 1839 informing that he is an Elder in good esteem with them - his company, exemplary deportment and salutary advice have been acceptable to us -

Our beloved friend Elizabeth Loggishall attended this Meeting with a copy of a minute from New York Monthly Meeting certifying that she is a Minister in unity - her company has been acceptable and satisfactory to us -

We have at this time received printed extracts from the last Yearly Meeting embracing the Report of the Boarding School Committee, and a circular on the subject of the apparel of the inmates of that Institution, and also an Epistle addressed to the subordinate Meetings which was read and united with, and the subjects were deemed worthy of the careful attention of our members -

The clerk was directed to sign a returning minute prepared in the women's meeting in behalf of our friend Elizabeth Loggishall -

Our esteemed friend John Meader opened in this Meeting a concern which he had increasingly felt to make a visit in Gospel love to friends and others at some places within the limits of Ferrisburgh Quarterly Meeting, and also at some places within the limits of Dover Quarterly Meeting - he produced a certificate of concurrence and unity from Providence Monthly Meeting and after a time of solid consideration his concern was united with, and he was left at liberty to pursue his prospect as truth may open the way, and the clerk was directed to sign an endorsement on his minute embracing the substance of this -

Our esteemed friend Moses H. Bedee spread before this Meeting a concern that had for some months rested on his mind

to attend the ensuing Yearly Meeting of Friends in Ohio, and also to visit some Meetings within its limits - and take some Meetings going and returning - he produced a certificate of concurrence from Rhode Island Monthly Meeting and after deliberate consideration his concern was united with, and he was left at liberty to accomplish his visit of Gospel Love as best wisdom may direct - and the Clerk was directed to sign an Endorsement on his certificate embracing the substance of this minute -

(At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Somerset 14th month 7th 1839.

By the accounts from the several Monthly Meetings it appears the following friends are named as Representatives viz - from

(Rhode Island - Jethro T. Mitchell - John Mitchell - Thomas B. Gould.

Greenwich - Perez Peck - George C. Kenyon

Swansea - Theophilus Shove 2^d - Miller (Jace) David Shove

South Kingstown - Timothy C. Collins - Andrew Nichols

Providence - Turner Haskell - John Meador - Nathan Buffington
who are present

The queries have been read together with the requisite answers received from our several Monthly Meetings -

In concurrence with the womens Quarterly Meeting this meeting has united with South Kingstown Monthly Meeting in the appointment

of Timothy C Collins to the Station of an Elder -

It is concluded to raise the sum of Five hundred and Twenty Dollars for the use of this Meeting, including our proportion of Yearly Meeting Stock, which the several Monthly Meetings are requested to pay to our Treasurer in the usual proportions.

Our beloved friend Susan Howland attended this Meeting, with a copy of a minute from New Bedford Monthly Meeting dated 10th mo 2nd 1839 expressing their unity with her concern, and informing that she is a minister in unity - Her company and religious services have been acceptable to us

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Providence 2nd mo 6th 1840.

We have received accounts from our several Monthly Meetings by which it appears the following friends are appointed representatives to this meeting. -
Rhode Island Jethro F Mitchell Edward Wing and David Buffum.

Greenwich William Reynolds & George Kenyon
Swansey Oliver Chase Moses Buffinton & David Shove
North Weymouth William Perry John B Dockroy and Thomas Foster.

Providence Arnold Congdon Jonathan Congdon and Davis Metcalf, who are present except one for whose absence a satisfactory reason was given

William Jenkins having desired to be released from that service the representatives have proposed David Buffum for Clerk, and Arnold Congdon for Assistant-Clerk, which being approved they are appointed for the year ensuing.

The queries have been read and succeeded by the

required answer from each of our Monthly Meetings. 33

Rhode Island Monthly Meeting informed that they had directed their Treasurer, to pay to ours, their proportion of this Meetings stock. ~

Thomas Anthony is appointed to inform the select Quarterly Meeting, that this meeting in the 11th mo last united with South Kingston Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Timothy C Collins to the station of an elder. ~

Our friend John Meader returned at this time the minute granted him in the 8th mo last to visit Ferrisburgh & Dover Quarterly Meetings and stated that he had been enabled to perform the visit to the relief of his own mind, and presented the following minute viz. Our beloved friend John Meader attended this meeting with a satisfaction. Minute from Providence Monthly Meeting held at Providence 24th of 7th mo 1839 his company and religious services have been acceptable

Extracted from the minutes of Dover Quarterly Meeting of friends held at Rochester 1st mo 23rd - 1840

By John D Lang Assistant-Clerk
Lydia Thompson Clerk for the day

which is satisfactory to this Meeting. ~

We have at this time the company of our beloved friend Elizabeth Robson from Great Britain, which with her religious service have been truly acceptable. ~

Also the company of our beloved friend Thomas Robson companion to his wife has been very acceptable. ~

Was received at this time a number of the printed general Epistle of London (Yearly) Meeting for 1839 one of which has been read and is acceptable to us. ~

The womens Meeting presented a minute directed to New Bedford Monthly Meeting on behalf of our friend Susan Howland which was approved and the Clerk directed to sign it on our behalf. ~

A R I Quarterly Meeting held at East Greenwich 5th mo 7th 1840

By accounts received from the Mo Mts the repre

Delegates are

For R Island Abraham Barker Job Sherman
and Edward Wing.
Greenwich, Benjamin Green & Berial Collins
Swansey Clarke Shave Annis A Lincoln
Thomas Gifford and Abner Stace

South Kingston Ottniel Foster and
John B Doherty.

Providence James Dennis Thomas Harkness
and Caleb Paine.

who are present
except one for whose absence a satisfactory
reason was assigned—

The queries have ^{been} read with answers from all the
monthly meetings from which a summary has
been prepared and the Clk is directed to forward it to
the ensuing yearly meeting by our representa-
tives Rowland Greene Thomas Anthony John Men-
der Ottniel Foster Benjamin Buffinton John Wet-
ter Allen Wing David Buffum & Wm Jenkins.

Our beloved friend Charles Osborne with a certifi-
cate from Springfield Monthly Meeting Indiana
of 8th mo 17th 1839 endorsed by Whitewater Quarterly
Meeting of 9th mo 7th 1839 attended this meeting his com-
pany and religious service have been acceptable.

Minute respecting Geo Evans at the close
all the monthly meetings have informed that
they have directed their proportion of stock paid to
our Treasurer.

Our beloved friend Elizabeth Robson accompan-
ied by her husband Thomas Robson in the past year has
acceptably attended this mg several times, and all the
meetings constituting it, also visited nearly all the fam-
ilies, to the satisfaction and encouragement of
friends.

Our esteemed friend Moses H. Beede informed this meeting that he felt a concern to attend the ensuing yearly meeting of New York, and a few meetings within its limits, which claimed our solid consideration and was fully united with, and he having produced a certificate of unity from R. I. Mo. Mng an endorsement was prepared and directed to be signed by the Clk.

Our esteemed friend Elizabeth Wing informed us of a prospect of attending the ensuing Yearly Meeting at New York, and a few meetings within the limits of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting, her concern after deliberate consideration was fully united with and she having produced a certificate of concurrence of R. I. Mo. Mng the Clk was directed to sign an endorsement prepared by the womens meeting on our behalf. and Jos. Metcalf Peter Peck & David Buffum are appointed to render such aid to our friends as may appear necessary.

Our Treasurer is directed to pay to the Treasurer of the Y Meeting our proportion of stock.

The following communication was directed
To the Yearly Meeting

Dear friends,

We have received answers to the queries from the Monthly Meetings constituting this, from which a summary has been prepared, and is subjoined for your information respecting our present state, and we appoint Rowland Greene Thos. Anthony John Meader & Thrice Foster Benj. Buffinton John Wilbur Allen Wing David Buffum & Wm Jenkins, our representatives.

Our Treasurer has been directed to pay to yours the amount called for by minute of last year.

This meeting received the printed extracts from you of last year which were acceptable, they were

directed to our M^{rs} M^{rs} for distribution.

We have united with South Kingston M^{rs} M^{rs} in the appointment of Timothy & Collins to the place of an elder.

We have rec^d from the meeting for suffering, printed documents prepared by that M^{rs}, one on church government and one on civil government, which were acceptable, and our monthly M^{rs} have been furnished with them.

Our beloved friend Elizabeth Robson, accompanied by her husband Thos Robson in the course of a religious ^{visit} in our land, has acceptably attended this meeting several times within the past year, and also all the meetings composing it, and visited nearly all the families to the satisfaction and encouragement of friends.

From 2d Annual Quarterly Meeting
held at East Greenwich 5th mo, 1840

David Buffum Clk

Ans: 1st All our meetings for religious worship and discipline have been attended (except one small M^{rs} occasioned by inclemency of weather) the hour pretty well observed, those on the first day of the week by friends generally, midweek meetings and some of those for discipline, have been more neglected by a few of our members, mostly clear of our becoming behaviour, except a few instances of sleeping at times some care taken.

2nd Love and unity in a good degree maintained amongst most friends, detraction generally guarded against, a few are not so careful in these respects as truth requires, some care taken, no difference come to our knowledge.

3rd Friends are generally careful to bring up those under their direction in plainness, and to res

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train them from reading pernicious books, and corrupt conversation, and are mostly good examples themselves. the holy scriptures we believe are frequently read in their families.

4th Friends are generally careful to observe this query except two instances of public resort, and one of partaking too freely of spiritous liquors which are under notice.

5th The circumstances of the poor are attended to and their necessities relieved, their children freely partake of learning none placed out that we know of.

6th A care is manifest that all proceedings in respect to marriage be conformable to discipline.

7th We think friends are careful to maintain their testimony as queried.

8th Friends appear to be generally careful on those accounts except a few instances of neglect in one meeting, in the careful inspection of their affairs, and the consequent want of punctuality in the payment of debts.

9th Marriages are all recorded births and deaths mostly, a few removals without certificates and some care taken.

10th Generally careful to deal with offenders as queried, and to place judgement according to discipline.

11th Our Esteemed friend George Evans companion to Charles Osborne with a minute from Spiceland Mo Wg of 9th mo 25th 1839 attended this meeting, his company has been acceptable.

At Rhode Island Quarterly (meeting held at Portsmouth 8th mo 6th 1840 c^t

We have rec^d Accounts from our several (mo mgs by which it appears the following friends are named as representatives

From R Island David Albro Job Sherman
and Asa Sherman
Greenwich Rowland Greene W^m Reynolds

Swansey Clarke Thove Thos & Gifford
& Josephus Thove,
South Kingstown W^m & Perry & Thaniel
Foster & W^m + Robinson

Providence Arnold Congdon Jos Metcalf
and Jonathan Truborn, who are present
except one

The queries have been read with the usual answers from each of the (mo meetings.

The representatives to the Y (mg reported that they attended.

In a minute from the Y (meeting it appears that three hundred dollars are called for by that meeting and Jos Metcalf W^m Reynolds and Arnold Congdon are appointed to settle the Treasurers Accounts, consider of a sum necessary to be added for the use of this mg and to name a Treasurer.

South Kingstown mo mg having proposed that their mgs be held, commencing with the 12th mo next, four months at Western, four at Tower Hill and four at Hopkinton, it is united with to this and the womens mg, and the Clk is directed to furnish that mg with a copy of this minute.

A minute from the Y mg was rec^d with the report of the Boarding School committee which have been read.

Our Beloved friend Elizabeth Meader opened in this meeting a market she had of attending the approaching meetings of Ohio & Baltimore and some other M^{ts} as expressed in a certificate of concurrence she produced from Providence Mo. M^{ts}, which was united with and the M^{ts} directed to sign an endorsement prepared by the women's M^{ts} on our behalf, and W^m Reynolds W^m Jenkins Edward King and Arnold Congdon are appointed to render what assistance may be necessary to our friend.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting held at Somerset 11th mo 3rd 1840

By Minutes from the Mo M^{ts} we find the following friends named as representatives

For Rhode Island, Jethro F Mitchell Edward King and Moses H Beede

Greenwich Peter Peck & Rowland Greene
Swansey, Philip Tripp Lilly Gifford & Harvey Chase
South Kingstown, Othniel Foster & W^m Perry
Providence, Arnold Congdon Joseph Metcalf and Caleb M Paine who are all present.

The queries have been read with the required answers from each of the Monthly Meetings.

The committee to settle the Treasurers Accounts & have reported as follows viz.

To the Quarterly Meeting to be held at Somerset.

The committee appointed for the purpose have examined the Treasurers Account & find a balance in his hands of \$20.42cts, They recommend that \$390 be raised for the meetings use the ensuing year, and propose Welcome Congdon for Treasurer.

On behalf of the Committee

Providence 10th mo 30th 1840.

Joseph Metcalf
Arnold Congdon

Which is accepted & Welcome Congdon appointed Treasurer for the year ensuing, and our several Mo M^{ts} are requested to forward to him their usual proportions

A number of the London printed General Epistles for 1840 was rec^d at this time, one of which has been read and is acceptable to us.

This meeting unites with the womens meeting in approving the appointment of Susan Ann Buffum to the station of an elder by Rhode Island Monthly Meeting.

Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting held at Providence 2nd mo 4th 1841.

By Accounts from our Monthly Meetings the representatives are

For R Island David Buffum Jethro F Mitchell and Abraham Barker.

Greenwich Nicholas Congdon & Lloyd Lyne.

Swarney Anthony Chase & Palmer Chase.

South Kingstown Herkiah Babcock
Lewis Collins and Andrew Nichols.

Providence Jonathan Congdon James Dennis and John Meader, who are present except one, for whose absence a sufficient reason was given.

The representatives having proposed David Buffum for Clerk and it being approved, he is appointed for the year ensuing.

The queries have been read with answers to the usual number from the Monthly Meetings.

Our beloved friend Susan Howland attended this meeting with a minute from New Bedford M^o M^g expressive of unity with her in the engagement; her company and religious services have been acceptable to us, and the Clk is directed to sign a minute prepared by the womens m^g on our behalf.

R Island and Swansey (No Mgs inform of having directed their proportion of stock paid to our Treasurer,

Providence No Mgs inform this that Adam Anthony had appealed from the judgement of that meeting in disowning ^{him} from membership, and that they had appointed a committee to represent them in the case, and he manifesting ^{an disposition} to prosecute it, we appoint Jethro T Mitchell Abraham Barker Nicholas Congdon Beriah Collins Oliver Chase Harvey Chase William S Perry & Heretrick Babcock to hear the appellant and committee and report to our next Quarterly Meeting.

Our friend Moses H Beede returned at this time the minute granted him in the 5th mo last to attend New York Y Mgs and some Mgs within its limits, with a minute from the Y Mgs of Ministers and elders expressive of his complicity, and gospel labours being acceptable, also one from Butternuth Quarterly Meeting, and Nine Partners and New York No Mgs which is satisfactory to us.

R Island No Mgs inform that ^{they had} appointed Edward Wing to the station of an elder, with which this and the womens meeting unite.

We have, with the concurrence of the womens meeting, united with Providence No Mgs in approving of the gift, and public appearances in the Ministry of Samuel B Tobey, and Thomas Anthony is appointed to inform the Select 2 Mgs thereof.

Our friend Elizabeth Meader returned at this time the minute granted her in the 8th mo last to attend the Y Mgs of Ohio and Baltimore and some other Mgs with a minute from Baltimore Y Mgs stating that she acceptably attended it, also one from the Y Mgs of Ministers and elders of Ohio and one from Short Creek and Middleton No Mgs Ohio a similar import which is satisfactory to us.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of friends
held at East Greenwich 5th mo 6th 1841.

By Minutes from the Monthly Meeting,
it appears that the following friends are
named as representatives.

For R Island. Jethro F Mitchell Asa Sher-
man and Isaac Hathaway.

Greenwich. Nicholas Congdon Rowland
Greene and W^m Reynolds.

Swansey. Thomas Wilbur Edmund Chase
and David Shove.

South Kingstown William Perry Andrew
Nichols and Thomas Foster.

Providence Arnold Congdon Darius Plawton
and Joseph Metcalf, who are present ex-
cept one, for whose absence a sufficient ex-
cuse was rendered.

Arnold Congdon is appointed assistant-clerk of
this meeting for the remainder of the year.

The queries have ^{been} read in this meeting with
answers from each of our monthly meetings from
which a summary has been prepared and we have
with forward it to the Yearly Meeting by our
friends Andrew Nichols John Wilbur Rowland
Greene Oliver Chase John Mitchell William
Gentles Edward Wing David Buffum David
Shove Thomas Anthony William Reynolds John
Meador & Timothy C Collins whom we appoint
our representatives.

Greenwich and Providence Monthly Meetings in-
form that they have directed their proportions of
stock paid to our Treasurer.

The committee on the appeal from the judgement
of Providence Monthly Meeting, not being united
in sentiment, we appoint William Reynolds Thos
as Wilbur Thomas Foster and David Buffum in
addition thereto, to further consider the subject
and report to our next meeting.

Our Treasurer is directed to pay our proportion of yearly meeting stock to the Treasurer of that meeting.

The following amount to the yearly meeting was directed to be signed by the Clerk.

To the Yearly Meeting
Dear friends

We have received the minutes directed to us from your meeting of last year, which with the report of the Boarding School committee have been read and copies forwarded to our meetings.

We appoint our friends Andrew Nichols, John Wilbur, Rowland Greene, Oliver Chase, John Mitchell, William Jenkins, Edward Wing, David Buffum, David Shaw, Thomas Anthony, William Reynolds, John Meader, and Timothy C Collins our representatives to attend the yearly meeting.

Our Treasurer has been directed to pay to yours \$360 as requested by minute of your last meeting.

A summary of the answers to the queries received at this time, is annexed for your information upon the subject to which they relate.

We have united with Rhode Island (Mo Ny) in the appointment of Susan Ann Buffum and Edward Wing to the station of elders, and with Providence Monthly Meeting in approving the public ministry of Samuel Boyce Tobey.

Our Beloved friend Anna A Jenkins in a weighty manner spread before this meeting a concern that had for some years impressed her mind to pay a visit in Gospel love to some parts of Great Britain and Ireland, which was solidly considered by the meeting and a very full expression of unity and sympathy was manifested, and she left at liberty to pursue her project as best Wisdom may direct.

and the Clerk is directed to sign on our behalf
~~the following~~ endorsement prepared by the women's meet-
 ing. — viz.

Our beloved friend Anna Almy Jenkins in a weighty and feeling manner, opened in this meeting a concern which had long rested on her mind to attend the Yearly Meeting of Friends in London, to visit in gospel love such of the meetings constituting it as may may open for — together with some of the meetings of Friends in Ireland, and if her mind should be drawn to the service, to appoint meetings among friends and others, as expressed in her certificate from Providence Monthly Meeting. — Our minds were introduced into near sympathy with our dear friend in this religious engagement, and her concern was fully united with by this meeting, and we believe it right for us to add our testimony to that of the Monthly Meeting, that she is a Minister in good esteem with us, sound in doctrine and consistent in life and conversation. We desire to commend her to the affectionate attention of Friends — and fervently crave for her the blessing of preservation; and that she may be mercifully enabled to discharge the service required of her by the great Head of the Church, and when her Gospel labours among you shall have been accomplished, be favoured to return to us with the reward of peace. —

Ans: 1st All our meetings for religious worship and discipline have been attended except two omitted in consequence of inclemency of weather, those on first day of the week and for discipline by Most of our members, mid week meetings are not so generally attended by all, the hour mostly observed, generally clear of unbecoming behaviour, except a few instances of sleeping, some care taken. —
 2nd Love and unity in a good degree maintained, detraction generally guarded against, some

care taken to end differences when they have appeared.

3^d We believe friends are generally careful to bring up those under their direction in plainness of speech, behaviour and apparel, and to restrain them from reading pernicious books, and corrupt conversation, are mostly pretty good examples themselves, we believe the holy scriptures are frequently read in their families.

4th Friends generally careful to observe the several parts of this query, except several instances of attending places of public resort, in one no way some care taken.

5th The circumstances of the poor have been attended to, and their necessities relieved, their children partake of learning, one placed out from among friends.

6th Friends are mostly careful that all proceedings with respect to marriage be conformable to our discipline, where it has appeared otherwise some care has been taken.

7th We believe generally clear.

8th Generally careful on those accounts except a few instances of neglect in the proper inspection of their business concerns, and of punctuality in the payment of their debts, friends appear to be generally careful to live within the bounds of their circumstances.

9th Marriage certificates all recorded births, deaths, and burials mostly, several removals without certificates, some care taken.

10th Friends manifest care in the regular dealing with offenders agreeable to the query, and for placing judgement according to discipline.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting held at Portsmouth
8th mo 5th 1841.

We have received accounts from our several Monthly meetings by which we find the following friends named as representatives. — viz for R. Island
Isaac Chase Josiah Chase Jonathan Dennis & Asa Sherman.

Greenwich Nicholas Congdon and Daniel Anthony.

Swansey Abraham Shove Anthony Chase and David Shove.

South Hingstoun W^m S Perry Andrew Nichols and Herkiah Babcock.

Providence Allen Wing Joseph Metcalf and Jonathan Truborn. who are present except two for the absence of whom a satisfactory reason was rendered.

The queries have been read in this meeting with answers to the requisite number from each of our Monthly Meetings.

The representatives to the Yearly Meeting reported that they attended.

Our Beloved friend Elizabeth Wing opened in this meeting a concern that had rested on her mind for some years to attend the Yearly Meetings of Baltimore and North Carolina and some meetings within the limits of each, and to appoint some among those not in profession with us, should way open for it, her prayer was fully united with by the meeting, and she left at liberty to proceed therein as best Wisdom may direct, and the Clerk is directed to sign on our behalf an endorsement prepared by the women's meeting and we appoint Edmund Chase David Buffum and Joseph Metcalf to render any assistance to our friend that may be necessary.

The committee on the appeal from the judgement of Providence (Monthly Meeting not being prepared to make a final report the case is referred to our next meeting under their care.

Extracts from the minutes of our last Yearly Meeting with the report of the Boarding School Committee were read at this time, by which it appears that \$390 are called for by that meeting, and we appoint W^m Jenkins and Gideon C Smith to settle the accounts of our Treasurer, consider whether any addition for the use of this meeting be needed, and to nominate a Treasurer.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting held at Somerset 11th mo 4th 1841.

By minutes from the several Monthly Meetings we find the following friends named as representatives. viz For R.I. Job Sherman Jonathan Dennis and Geo Anthony.
 Greenwich Beriah Collins & Perez Peck.
 Swansea, Miller Chase Palmer Chase and Theophilus Shove.
 South Kingstown W^m I Penn & Thos Foster.
 Providence Joseph Metcalf Caleb Paine, and Allen Wing, who are present.

The queries have been read in this mg. and succeeded by answers to the usual number from each of our Monthly Meetings.

Our beloved friend John Meader spread before this meeting in a feeling manner, a concern that had rested on his mind for years, to visit in Gospel love, most of the tribes of Indians who have removed west of the Mississippi, to attend Indiana yearly meeting, and other meetings as expressed in the certificate granted him by Providence two mo. which being solidly considered, was fully united with and he left at liberty to pursue his prospect as best his own may direct, being a minister in unity with us, and the Clerk is requested to endorse this minute on the certificate, and we appoint Perez Peck W^m Jenkins Davie Buffum and Allen Wing to render what assistance to our friend may in their judgement be needed, and with whom he may advise.

Numbers of the London general epistle for the present year were received at this time one of which has been read and is to our satisfaction.

The committee to settle the Treasurer's Accounts. He reported as follows viz. The committee appointed for that purpose have settled the account of the Treasurer of the Quarterly Meeting and find a balance of \$9, 32 to us here, we propose to raise the sum of \$500 for the use of the

Quarterly Meeting the ensuing year including \$390
our proportion of Yearly Meeting stock, and Welcome
Congdon for Treasurer.

Providence 10th mo 26th 1841 W^m Jenkins

Gideon C Smith

Which is accepted and Welcome Congdon appointed
Treasurer for the year ensuing, and our Mo Mgs are
requested to pay to him their respective proportions
of \$500. —

Our esteemed friend Septimonia Page attended
this mg with a minute from Salem Mo Mgs
of 10th mo 14th 1841 expressive of unity with her in her
present engagement, her company is acceptable
to us. —

The case of appeal from the judgement of
Providence Mo Mgs, coming before the mg and
way not opening to proceed to dispose of it at this
time, it is referred to our next mg, and the com-
mittee not being united in sentiment are re-
leased from further attention thereto. —

A-R Island Quarterly Meeting held at Provi-
dence 2nd mo 3^d 1842 —

By accounts from the Mo Mgs it appears the
following friends are named to attend this
meeting as representatives. —

From Rhode Island Abraham Barker John
Mitchell & David Buffum. —

Greenwich Rowland & Peris Peck. —

Swansey Oliver Chase Luther Lincoln
and Abner Slade. —

South Kingstown Ethier Foster Samuel
Sheffield & Timothy C Collins. —

Providence, W^m Jenkins Turner Hartwell
and for Metcalf, who are present. except
one for whom above a satisfactory reason was
afforded. —

The representatives having proposed David Buf-
um for Clerk and Arnold Congdon for Assistant

it is approved and they are appointed for the year ensuing

The queries have been read in this Cong with answers to the 1st 2nd and 10th from our several Meetings.

Our Esteemed friend Anna D Wing attended this Cong with a minute of concurrence in her present engagement from Sandwich Meeting of 1st moth 1842 her company and religious service have been acceptable to us.

Our Esteemed friend Paul Wing also acceptably attended, as companion to his wife with a minute from the aforesaid Cong and The Clerk is desired to furnish him with a copy of this minute.

The appeal case referred at our last Cong, is again referred, to the 5th mo for further consideration.

Swansey Meeting informs of having paid their proportion of stock to our Treasurer.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting held at East Greenwich 5th mo 5. 1842.

Accounts from the monthly Meetings present the following named friends for Representatives viz R. Island David Albro, Stephen Chace Sam. Dennis.

Greenwich Nicholas Congdon, Beriah Collins
Swansey Palmer Chase, Barrillae Buffinton
Joshua Shove

South Kingston. William S. Perry, Othniel Foster
Lewis Collins.

Providence Allen Wing, Joseph Metcalf
and Gilbert Congdon.

who are all present.

The Clerk being absent Arnold Congdon is appointed Clerk for this time.

The Queries were read in this meeting and answers thereto from all our monthly meetings.

A summary made by the Representatives was approved and directed to be recorded & forwarded to the Yearly meeting.

We appoint Rowland Greene, Benj. Buffinton, Thomas Anthony, Asa Shearman, Allen Wing, Othniel Foster, William Jenkins, Nicholas Congdon, Samuel Boyd Tebey, to attend the ensuing yearly

50 Meeting as our Representatives.

Our Treasurer is directed to pay to the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting \$390. the amount called for by minute of last Year.

Rhode Island & Greenwich monthly ~~month-~~ meetings inform of having paid their proportion of the sum which this meeting requested raised in the 11th mo. last, to our Treasurer, and South Kingston & Providence monthly meetings of having directed theirs paid.

The matter of Adam Anthony's appeal from the judgement of Providence monthly meeting referred to this meeting from our last, being under consideration, it was concluded to refer the subject to the consideration of the Yearly Meeting for its determination, and the Committee of Providence monthly meeting are requested to attend there & to give notice to the appellant of the conclusion of this meeting.

Our friend Elisabeth Wing returned at this time the endorsement made upon a certificate of Rhode Island monthly meeting in the 8th mo. last, and informed that she had been enabled to accomplish the service to the relief of her mind. Minutes made by Baltimore & North Carolina Yearly meetings & by several of their subordinate meetings, expressive of the satisfaction her company and service had afforded to them respectively, were read & ~~are~~ satisfactory to us.

South Kingston monthly meeting having proposed for the consideration of this meeting a new Apportionment of the sums of money which the monthly meetings raise for this meeting's use the subject is referred to our next meeting.

The Clerk was directed to sign on behalf of this meeting a minute made in our Wovens Meeting, on acc^t. of the attendance of this meeting in the 11th mo. last, of our friend Sophronia Page.

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The following communication to the yearly meeting
was read and directed to be signed by the Clerk. viz
To the Yearly Meeting.

Dear Friends,

This meeting has received answers to the
Queries from our monthly meetings, and we forward
the subjoined summary for your information.

Our friends Rowland Green, Ben^l Buffinton
Thomas Anthony, Isa Shearnan, Allen King,
Ethaniel Foster, William Jenkins, Nicholas Congdon
and Samuel Boyd Tobey, are appointed our
Representatives to attend the Yearly Meeting.

Our Treasurer has been directed to pay to
yours \$390. the amount called for by minute of
last year.

Adam Anthony appealed from the judge-
ment of Providence monthly meeting in a minute
of disavowment of his right of membership, to this
meeting in the 2^d mo. 1841. and a Committee was
appointed to hear the parties and to report thereon.

In the 5th mo. the meeting was informed that the
Committee were not united in judgement in the
case and an addition was made to the number
before appointed and they requested to take the
subject into further consideration. In the 11th mo.
the meeting was again informed that the
Committee had not agreed upon a report.

The meeting after consideration concluded
to release them from further attention to it,
and the case has been referred to this meeting.

After a time of deliberation, it was concluded
to refer the subject to the consideration and
determination of the Yearly Meeting, and
to direct information to be communicated to the
parties in the appeal of its conclusion.

Signed by direction & on behalf of Rhode
Island Quarterly Meeting held at East Green-
wich the 5th of 5th mo. 1842. Arnold Congdon, Clerk
for this time.

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Ans. 1st All our meetings for religious worship and discipline have been attended, except three, two of them occasioned by sickness & inclemency of weather, these on first days, generally by most friends in a situation to attend, midweek meetings much neglected by some. the hour nearly observed - a few instances of sleeping, of other unbecoming ^{behaviour} but little has been observed.

Ans. 2^d Love and Unity, we believe are maintained among friends, with a few exceptions - and detractors generally guarded against - care taken to end differences when they arise.

Ans. 3^d Friends generally endeavour to bring up those under their direction in plainness and to restrain them from reading pernicious books, and from corrupt conversation - mostly exemplary herein themselves - We believe the Holy Scriptures are frequently read in friends families.

Ans. 4th Careful as respects this query a few instances of attending places of public resort excepted, some care taken.

Ans. 5th The circumstances of the poor have been inspected and relief afforded - Their children partake of learning - none placed out.

Ans. 6th We believe Friends are careful, with one or two exceptions as respects this query.

Ans. 7th We know of no breach of this query.

Ans. 8th Friends are generally careful as far as appears to inspect their affairs and settle their accounts, to be punctual to their promises & just in the payment of their debts, and to live within the bounds of their circumstances.

Ans. 9th Marriages all recorded, Births and Deaths mostly, several removals without Certificates most of which are under notice.

Ans. 10th A good degree of care is taken to deal with offenders without partiality, though sometimes it may have been delayed too long, and in placing judgment upon it may have been more according to discipline.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting held at
 Portsmouth 8th mo 4th 1842

By the minutes from the several Monthly
 Meetings we find the following friends named
 as representatives. viz.

From R Island Jonathan Dennis Job Sherman
 and Jethro H Mitchell.

Greenwich Nicholas Congdon & W^m Reynolds -
 Swansey Oliver Chase David Shove & W^m Hade.
 South Kingstown W^m A Robinson Isaac Collins
 and Thomas Foster.

Providence Joseph Metalf Arnold Congdon
 and Thomas Harkness, who are present. & ex
 cept one.

The queries have been read with answers to the usual
 number from the Monthly Meetings.

The following minute was rec^d from our last Yearly
 Meeting viz At New England Yearly Meeting held in
 the 6th mo 1842.

It was concluded to raise twelve hundred dollars
 for the service of the ensuing year, which our several
 Quarterly Meetings are requested to forward to David
 Buffum Treasurer of this Meeting in the usual propo
 sition. From the Minutes of said Meeting.

Abraham Sherman Jr Clk
 Rhode Island Quarterly Meetings proportion 30 percent
 is three hundred & sixty dollars. \$360 and we
 appoint W^m Reynolds and Thomas Harkness to consid
 er whether any addition is necessary for this Meetings
 use, to settle the Accounts of the Treasurer, and propose
 a Treasurer for the ensuing year and report to this mee
 ting in the eleventh month.

The subject of a new apportionment of the sum
 of money raised for this Meetings use, coming again be
 fore the meeting by reference from our last, it is recom
 mended for the representatives that may be appointed to
 the next Quarterly Meeting to meet previous to the
 sitting thereof and consider the subject and report to the
 meeting what in their judgement is best to be done
 in the case.

54 Our beloved friend Moses H Beede spread before this meeting a prospect of attending the yearly meetings Baltimore and North Carolina and some other meetings as expressed in the within certificate from R Island Monthly Meeting, which was united with, and he left at liberty to proceed therein as way may open for it being a Minister in unity. and Edward Wing Jonathan Dennis & David Buffum are appointed to render such advice and assistance to our friend as may be needed. ~

Extracts from the minutes of our last yearly meeting including an epistle to the subordinate meetings and members, and the report of the Boarding school committee, were rec^d at this time, one of each were read and are acceptable to us. ~

Our beloved friend Sybil Jones attended this meeting with a minute from China Monthly Meeting of 5th mo 17th 1842 her company and religious service have been acceptable to us. ~

Our beloved friend Ann Jones as companion to our friend Sybil Jones attended this meeting with a minute from the same Mo Mtg, her company and religious service have been acceptable to us. ~

The company of our ^{Friend} Cyrus Jones who attended this meeting with a minute of concurrence from China Mo Mtg of 6th mo 14th 1842 is acceptable to us. ~

The following communication from the yearly meetings committee was rec^d at this time viz.

To Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting
— member of the yearly meetings committee having several times recently attended South Kings town Monthly Meeting have become satisfied from the want of love and unity, and from the spirit of insubordination manifest among them in the management of the concerns of Society that they are not in a suitable state to conduct the

affairs of the Church to the honor of Truth, And we are united in judgement that the immediate care of the Quarterly Meeting needs to be extended in the case.

7th mo 25th 1842

Olive Wing	Charles Chase
Elizabeth McCader	Caleb Nichols
Elizabeth Wing	Daniel Taber
Hannah Dennis	John Osborne
Ruth Davis	W ^m Jenkins
Hannah Gould	Rowland Greene
	Thomas Anthony
	Perce Peck
	Allen Wing
	Edward Wing
	David Buffum

and it appearing by the answers to the queries that there is a want of that love and unity which are essential to the best interests of the body both in South King town and Swansey Monthly meetings, the whole subject rec^d our deliberate and solid consideration and we appoint our friends Beriah Collins Nicholas Congdon Joseph Metcalf Jonathan Dennis Jr Thos F Mitchell Arnold Congdon & Asa Sherman to visit those meetings and labour in conjunction with the Yearly Meetings com^{mittee} for the preservation of right order and the promotion of love and unity and they are requested to act in our behalf in rendering such advice and assistance to said meetings and individuals as best wisdom may direct, and report to our next Meeting.

The representatives to our last Yearly Meeting reported that they attended except one.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting held at Somerset 11th mo 3^d 1842

Accounts from our Monthly Meetings received at this time present the following named friends as representatives For Rhode Island Josiah Chase John Mitchell and Edward Wing

Greenwich Nicholas Congdon and Rowland Greene
 Swansea Wm Wood Eber Chan and Abner Glade
 South Hingston Wm S Perry & Thiel Foster
 and Charles Perry. —

Providence Arnold Congdon Turner Haskell &
 Thomas Harkness, all present. —

Our esteemed friend Edward Gore attended this meeting with a minute of concurrence from Seabrook Monthly meeting of 10th mo 6th 1842 his company and religious service have been acceptable to us. —

Our esteemed friend David Challis attended this meeting with a minute from the same Mo. Vg his company has been acceptable to us, and the Clk is desired to furnish them with the foregoing minutes and sign them on our behalf. —

Our friend John Meader returned at this time the certificate granted him last year to perform a religious visit among the Aborigines of the western part of this country, and for other services, and gave a satisfactory account of his visit among the natives, and produced a minute stating his acceptable attendance of Indiana Yearly Meeting and similar minutes from many Quarterly and Monthly meetings, and that his Ministry was sound and edifying, which were to our satisfaction.

The queries have been read with answers to the usual number from each of our ^{monthly} ~~preparative~~ meetings. —

The committee for the purpose reported as follows
 viz Agreeably to appointment we have examined the Treasurers account and find a balance in his hands of Thirty seven dollars and 35 cts and we propose Welcome Congdon for Treasurer, and for the Quarterly Meeting to raise five hundred and fifty dollars. —

Providence 10th mo 20th 1842 for the committee Thomas Harkness

Which is accepted and in accordance therewith Welcome Congdon is appointed Treasurer for the year ensuing and our several Monthly Meetings are requested to forward to him their Proportions of \$550

The representatives not being prepared to report respecting a new apportionment of stock for this

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meeting the subject is referred to them that may be appointed to the next Quarterly Meeting and they are requested to meet at 6 O'clock on fourth day evening of the next 2^d Meeting at the meeting house in Providence.

The committee appointed by Providence (Ms Aug) to represent them in the case of Adam Anthony's appeal and requested by this meeting to attend to the subject at the Yearly Meeting, reported as follows viz The committee appointed by Providence (Monthly Meeting) to represent to the Quarterly Meeting the case of Adam Anthony's appeal, and by the Quarterly Meeting directed to attend the Yearly Meeting for the purpose, report-

That they attended to that service and that the Yearly Meeting confirmed the judgement of Providence Monthly Meeting therein. Somerset 11th mo 3-1842

On behalf of the committee

Allen Wing

Which is accepted and the Clerk is directed to furnish Providence Monthly Meeting with a copy of this minute.

The committee appointed at our last meeting to visit Swansea and South Kingstown, Monthly Meetings and for other services made the following report viz

To Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting to be held at Somerset.

The committee appointed to visit Swansea and South Kingstown Monthly Meetings and for other services, Report, That several of their number attended the sittings of Swansea Monthly Meeting and communicated such advice as appeared to them suitable at the time, and as was opened for. That they attended the monthly meeting of South Kingstown in the 8th month and in conjunction with a number of the Yearly Meetings committee then present, endeavoured to labour we trust, in a spirit of love for the preservation of right order in the exercise of the discipline, and to encourage a proper submission to the advice of superintendents, so essential in relation to the best interests of our society. We regret to have to inform that our counsel did not meet on the part of many, with a kind reception, and the disposition was manifest and prevailed to

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cut as an independent body.

The following communication was prepared and presented at their last meeting viz.

The Committee appointed by the Quarterly Meeting to visit South Hingston Monthly Meeting and for other services, as will appear by the minute of the Quarterly Meeting herewith presented.

Now believe it right to state to South Hingston Monthly Meeting that having taken into our deliberate consideration the proceedings of that meeting in the eighth month last, and other previous proceedings connected with it, which have had the effect to produce the present unhappy differences existing in that meeting, and the state of insubordination in which it now is. Have come to the conclusion that the placing of Samuel Sheffield at the table to act as Clerk in the 5th mo last, in the irregular and disorderly manner in which it was effected, and by which proceeding the feelings and views of many of the members were wholly disregarded; and being satisfied that he took his seat at the table and made the minute appointing himself out of the usual and long established order of said meeting in appointing their Clerk, We did therefor unite with the advice previously given to Timothy C Collins by the Yearly meetings committee that he should continue for the present to retain the records of that meeting.

And as this committee were also fully united in the advice given in the 8th month last to South Hingston Monthly Meeting, not to accept the report, in the case of John Wilbourn, presented by that portion of the committee five of whom were acceded (contrary to the general usage of our society) to the committee appointed in the 4th mo to have charge of the case; after Samuel Sheffield took his seat at the table in the 5th month; and as we have cause to apprehend from the manner in which they were selected, and from their relationship to the individuals under care, it was with a view to prevent an impartial exercise

of our Christian discipline. We therefore now on behalf
 of the Quarterly Meeting advise South Hingston Monthly
 Meeting at this time, to remove Samuel Sheffield
 from acting as clerk, and to reappoint Timothy & Collins
 to that service, to dismiss the case of Timothy & Collins
 from their records, and discharge the committee appointed
 last month to visit him as an offender for retaining
 the records of said meeting, as advised to do by this com-
 mittee, and likewise that the decision in the 8th month
 last as entered on their minutes in relation to John Wil-
 son against the judgement of many concerned friends
 of that meeting, and against the united advice of this
 committee be now set aside and be made void and
 of no effect.

Signed by the committee appointed by Rhode Isl
 and Quarterly Meeting to visit South Hingston monthly
 by meeting and advise it on its behalf.

Hopkinton 10th mo 24th 1842

Bereah Collins
 Joseph Metcalf
 Arnold Congdon
 Asa Sherman

Members of the committee present.

Although not signed by all of us, it has our sanction. It
 was read in the meeting and directed to be recorded and its
 further consideration referred to their next meeting. Several
 friends expressed their desire that its recommenda-
 tions should be confirmed to by the meeting. From
 what has been witnessed by the committee of the
 proceedings of that meeting and from authentic in-
 formation derived from others they have come to the con-
 clusion, after a careful consideration of the subject,
 that it is not in a suitable state to conduct the af-
 fairs of the Church in accordance with our Christian
 discipline, nor consistently with our Christian profes-
 sion. We therefore submit to the Quarterly Meeting as
 our judgement that South Hingston Monthly mee-
 ting be dissolved, and that the members constituting it
 be joined to those constituting Greenwich Monthly mee-
 ting.

Signed at Somerset 11th mo 2nd 1842
 Jonathan Dennis

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10th mo 26th 1842

Joseph Metcalf
Phebe H Holden
Lydia C Smith

Beriah Collins
Jethro F Mitchell
Asa Sherman
Arnold Congdon
Joanna Peck
Ann Hopkins

Which is accepted, and after a solid consideration of the subject this meeting concludes with the unity of the womens meeting to discontinue and dissolve South Hingtown Monthly Meeting and to join its members to those composing ^{Greenwich} Monthly Meeting and to join the members of the select preparative meeting to those of Greenwich, the books of record and papers belonging to the former are to be delivered to such person as the latter may appoint to receive them, The proceedings of South Hingtown Monthly Meeting against Timothy C Collins, after being informed by the committee acting in our behalf, of the advice given to him are hereby annulled and declared of no effect what ever, and the minute made in the 5th month adding to the committee appointed in the 4th month upon the complaint against John Wilbur of 5 members, and the minute made in the 8th month accepting the report of the committee in his case, being at the time made against the direct advice of the Quarterly Meetings committee, are hereby also annulled and declared void. All other unfinished business ~~business~~ now before that meeting is directed to be transferred to Greenwich Monthly Meeting, and committees and others now under appointment by South Hingtown Monthly Meeting are requested to report to Greenwich Monthly Meeting. The committee now under appointment are requested to have a copy of this minute signed by the Clerk, read at the opening of their next monthly meeting at Hopkinton and to request those assembled quietly to separate and to consider themselves members of Greenwich Monthly meeting and under its care.

The Clerk is directed to furnish Greenwich

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Monthly meeting with a copy of this minute and to sign it on our behalf.

The meeting unites with the womens meeting in approving the appointment of Ann Hopkins to the station of an elder by Rhode Island Monthly Meeting.

The committee now under appointment to visit South Kingstown ^{Swarney} Monthly Meetings are continued and requested to extend their care to all our Monthly Meetings under their original appointment.

Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting held at Providence
2nd mo 2nd 1843

By Resolutions from our Minutes the following friends are appointed representatives to this meeting &c.

For Rhode Island Jethro F Mitchell Abraham Barker and Job Weedon.

Greenwich Nicholas Congdon W^m Reynolds and W^m S. Perry.

Swarney Edmund Chase Barzilai Buffinton and David Shove.

Providence John Meader Joseph Metcalf and Jane Thayer Latham all present.

The queries have been read with answers to the 1st 2nd and 10th from each of our Mo Meetings.

The representatives having proposed David Buffinton for Clerk and Arnold ^{Congdon} for Assistant, it is approved and they appointed for the year ensuing.

Our esteemed friend Daniel Clapp attended this meeting with a minute from Uxbridge Mo Meeting of 11th mo 25th 1842, his company and religious service have been acceptable to us.

Swarney Mo Meeting informs of having paid their proportion of stock to our Treasurer, and Rhode Island Mo Meeting of having directed the payment of theirs.

An appeal from the judgement of this meeting in dissolving South Kingstown Mo Meeting, by a portion of the members thereof, was presented at this time, and although containing the name of an individual under dealing, by the action of the Quarterly

62thly Meeting, we have concluded to refer the further consideration of the case to our next ~~2nd~~ Meeting.

The representatives to whom the subject was referred reported that they had been together and made an arrangement by which the stock now due would probably be paid.

A number of the London general epistle for 1842 was read at this time by direction of the Cong for sufferings one of which has been read and is acceptable to us.

Our Clerk is directed to inform the select 2nd Meeting of the dissolution of South Hingston select preparative Meeting.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting held at East Greenwich the 4th of 5th mo. 1843.

Accounts from our monthly meetings present the names of the following friends as representatives ^{via} R. Island. Wm Sherman, David Buffum & Samuel Dennis

Greenwich, William Reynolds, William T. Perry & Timothy C. Collins.

Swarney Palmer Chase, David Shove & Anthony Chase

Providence Samuel Boyd Tobey Arnold Congdon & Davis Metcalf, who are present.

The Queries have been read in this meeting with answers from each of the monthly meetings constituting this, and a summary therefrom prepared; which is directed to be forwarded to our ensuing yearly meeting by our friends Thomas Anthony, Rowland Greene, Edmund Chase, John Meader, Moses H. Beede Thomas Howland William Jenkins & David Buffum, whom we appoint our Representatives.

Our beloved friend Rowland Greene opened in this meeting a prospect of visiting in Gospel love the Quarterly Meetings of Purchase, Vincennes, Stanford and Cornwall in the State of New York, and to appoint some meetings among those not of our Society if way should open for it, which was fully united with and

he left at liberty to pursue his prospect as best wisdom⁶³ may direct, being a minister in Unity. An endorsement to the Certificate of Greenwich Monthly Meeting presented by him, was prepared & directed to be signed by the Clerk.

Our beloved friend Anna Jenkins informed this meeting that she had been favoured so far to perform the service for which she was liberated by us in the 5th mo. 1841, as to attend the yearly meetings of Ireland and London last year, and to accomplish such other religious engagements within their limits as she believed was required of her at that time, & that she returned with a peaceful mind. She presented a copy of a minute from the Yearly meeting of Ministers & Elders held in Dublin in the 4th mo. 1842, stating that her labours had been to their instruction and edification. Our friend also at this time in a feeling manner spread before us a concern to pay a visit in Gospel love to friends in Great Britain and Ireland and also in some places on the European continent, and to appoint meetings as her mind may be drawn thereto. And a Certificate of the unity of Providence Monthly Meeting having been read, the meeting after deliberate consideration, with full unity concluded to liberate her for the proposed service, and an essay of an endorsement to her certificate was read & directed to be signed by the Clerk in behalf of this meeting.

Our beloved friend Moses A Beede returned at this time the certificate granted him last year to attend the yearly meetings of Baltimore & North Carolina with minutes of his acceptable attendance of them, and one from the Western Quarterly Meeting held at Centre Guilford County, North Carolina the 12th of 11th mo. 1842.

A testimony from Greenwich Monthly Meeting concerning our late friend Andrew Nichols deceased, was read, approved and directed to be signed by the Clerk, & forwarded to the meeting for offerings.

Greenwich Monthly Meeting informs of having paid its proportion of stock and Providence Monthly Meeting

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of having directed theirs paid.

Greenwich Monthly Meeting inform that John Wilbur has manifested his intention to appeal from their judgment in his disavowment from membership, and that they had appointed a Committee to represent them in the case.

The subject of the appeal of a portion of the members of the late Monthly Meeting of South Kingston, ~~in its~~ ^{to the Yearly Meeting} from our judgement in dissolving it and joining its members to that of Greenwich, being under consideration. It is concluded to appoint Perez Peck, Allen Wing, Beriah Collins, Joseph H. Talcott, Nicholas Congdon, William S. Pory, William A. Robinson and Arnold Congdon to represent this meeting before the Committee of the Yearly ^{Meeting}. And the Clerk is desired to furnish them with copies of all the minutes relating to the case.

The Committee appointed by this meeting to visit the Monthly Meetings and individuals reported as follows viz:

The Committee appointed ~~by the~~ to visit the Monthly Meetings and individuals may now inform the Quarterly Meeting that since their report in the 11th mo. some of their number have attended the Swansea Monthly Meetings and have conferred with several of its members. It does not appear to the Committee that there has been much improvement in regard to the maintenance of love and unity since their appointment in the 8th mo. last, and it is their judgement that the state of that meeting requires further care to be extended by the Quarterly Meeting.

East Greenwich 5th mo. 4. 1843.

On behalf of the Committee

Jonathan Dennis //

which is accepted and said Committee are continued under appointment and requested to attend to the service as way may open for it.

The following communication to the Yearly Meeting was read, approved and directed to be signed by the Clerk, viz:

Dear Friends

This meeting duly received your acceptable epistle of last year, together with the extracts from your minutes, and the report of the Committee having charge of the boarding School, which have been satisfactory.

We have received at this time answers to the Queries from our monthly meetings, ^{from} which has been compiled the subjoined summary.

We have appointed our friends Thomas Anthony Howland Greene, Edmund Chase, John Meader, Moses H. Beebe, Thomas Howland, William Jenkins & David Buffum to attend the yearly meeting as our representatives.

We have directed our Treasurer to pay to you \$360 the amount called for by your minute.

We have united with the Women's Quarterly meeting in concurring with Rhode Island Monthly meeting in the appointment of Ann Hopkins to the station of an Elder.

A number of members of Greenwich monthly meeting late members of South Kingstone monthly meeting, have appealed from the judgment of this meeting in dissolving South Kingstone monthly meeting & joining the members constituting it to that of Greenwich in the 11th mo. last. We have appointed Per Peck, Allen Wing, Beriah Collins, Joseph H. et al, Nicholas Congdon, William S. Perry, William S. Robinson & Arnold Congdon to represent this meeting in that case before the Committee that you may appoint, & have ^{directed} copies of the minutes made in this meeting appertaining to it, to be furnished them.

Signed by direction on behalf of Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting held at East Greenwich the 4th of 5th mo. 1843.

David Buffum Clerk

Ans^d. All our meetings, except in one instance at Jamestown, for religious worship and discipline have been attended, and generally by most friends on first days, those in the middle of the week frequently neglected by a few the hour nearly observed, a few instances

66 of the appearance of sleeping— of other unbecoming becoming behaviour mostly clear.

Ans. 2^d Love and Unity generally maintained, tho' not sufficiently by all, detraction mostly guarded against— care taken to end differences when they arise

Ans. 3^d Friends appear to be generally careful to bring up those under their direction in plainness, and to restrain them from reading pernicious books and from corrupt conversation, and are mostly pretty good examples herein themselves: The Holy Scriptures we believe are frequently read in Friends families.

Ans. 4th We believe friends are careful in their conduct as it respects the several parts of this Query.

Ans. 5th The poor are relieved, their children partake of learning, none placed out

Ans. 6th Friends appear careful with a few exceptions that all proceedings with respect to marriage be conformable to our discipline.

Ans. 7th Friends have been careful on these accounts, excepting there have been a few instances of our young members bearing arms; the necessary care has been extended.

Ans. 8th We believe Friends are generally careful to inspect their affairs and settle their accounts, and are punctual to their promises, just in the payment of their debts and live within the bounds of their circumstances.

Ans. 9th Careful as to records; a few removals without certificates, some care taken.

Ans. 10th Friends manifest a care for the regular dealing with offenders, agreeably to the query, and for placing judgement according to discipline.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting held at Portsmouth
8th mo 3^d 1843

The accounts from the Monthly Meetings present the following named friends as representatives to this Year

For Rhode Island Jethro F. Mitchell - Abraham Barker and David Wilho

Greenwich Nicholas Congdon Peter Peck and Timothy C Collins.

Swansey Oliver Chase Oliver Earle and David Shaw
Providence John Meader Joseph Metcalf and Turner Haskell all present.

The queries have been read in this meeting with answers to the usual number from each of our No Mngs.

The representatives to the Yearly Meeting reported that they attended except Thomas Anthony who was prevented by sickness in his family from attending some of the sittings.

The committee to represent this meeting before the committee of the Yearly Meeting in the case of appeal of a portion of the members of South Kingstown No Mng reported that they attended to their appointment and the following minute from the Y Meeting was received viz

Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England

(Sitting of 7th day morning 6th mo 17th 1843)

The committee appointed on third day morning last to take into consideration the case of appeal from the judgement of Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting in dissolving South Kingstown No Mng, and annexing the members constituting it to Greenwich No Mng, now produced a report, signed by thirteen of their number, informing the meeting, That having given a full hearing to the parties respectively, they had upon deliberation, come to the conclusion, that the judgement of Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting ought to be confirmed: - which after a time of deliberate consideration thereon, was united with and accepted by the meeting, and the judgement of said meeting confirmed accordingly.

And the Clerk was directed to furnish a copy of this minute to Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting and also to hand a copy thereof to some Friend (of the late South Kingstown No Mng) representing the appellants.

From the Minutes of the Yearly Meeting
Abraham Sherman Jr Clerk.

68 and the judgement of this meeting in the case is there by confirmed. ✓

The following minute from the y meeting was received 1842.

At our yearly meeting of Friends for New England held on Rhode Island in the 6th mo 1843

It was concluded to raise twelve hundred dollars for the service of the year ensuing, and our several Quarterly Meetings were requested to forward their respective proportions of that sum to the Treasurer of this meeting. ✓

From the Minutes

R 12 Mgs preparation Abⁿ Shuman Jun^r Clk
30 percent is three hundred and sixty dollars. ✓

And we appoint Turner Haskell Joseph Metcalf and Thos Harkness to examine and settle the Aunts of the Treasurer, consider whether any addition is necessary to be made for the use of this mg, propose a Treasurer and report at our next mg. ✓

Our beloved friend Elizabeth Meader opened in this meeting in a feeling manner a prospect that had rested on her mind for years and with increasing weight of latter time to attend in the love of the Gospel the yearly meeting of North Carolina, to visit some meetings within its limits, also to attend some mgs on her way going and returning, and as her mind may be drawn to the service, to appoint mgs in the course of her journey among friends and others, which was fully united with by the meeting and the Clk is directed to sign an endorsement prepared by the womens mg, and she is left at liberty to proceed therein as best wisdom may direct being a minister in unity, and we appoint Joseph Metcalf Pres Peck and W^m Jenkins to render such advice and assistance to our friend as in their judgement may be needed. ✓

Greenwich (Mo) mg informed of having paid their additional proportion of stock to our Treasurer. ✓

A number of the report of the Boarding School committee was read at this time, and was read

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John Wilbur having manifested his intention of appealing from the judgement of Greenwich (Mo) in disowning him from membership, at our last meeting, and now he informs the meeting by a written communication of his conclusion to prosecute it, we therefore appoint Abraham Barker Job Sherman Stephen Chase Philip Tripp David Shove Edmund Chase Thomas Harkness Turner Haskell and Gideon C Smith to hear the appellant and the committee of the Mo meeting, and report to this meeting in the 11th mo next. c

At R. Island Quarterly Meeting held at Somerset 11th mo
2nd 1843

By accounts from our (Monthly) meetings the representatives are for Rhode Island Jonathan Dennis Teacher, Chan and Ara Sherman. c

Greenwich Beriah Collins Rowland Greene and Wm S Perry. c

Swansey Oliver Chase Thos Wilbur Robinson Buffington and David Shove. c

Providence Joseph (Metcalf) Wm Jenkins and Gilbert Congdon. c who are present excepting for the absence of one of whom a satisfactory reason was assigned. c

The queries have been read with answers to the 1st, 2nd and 10th from each of our (Monthly) meetings. c

Our esteemed friends Charles F Coffin, Eli Jones, Ruth Davis, and Susan Howland, attended this meeting with minutes from their respective (Monthly) meetings, expressive of unity with their Ministry & present religious engagements, their company and services have been acceptable. c

Our esteemed friend Daniel Smiley also attended as companion to Eli Jones his company has been acceptable. c

The committee appointed to settle the accounts of the Treasurer and for other purposes reported as follows viz
Agreeably to appointment we have examined the Treasurers account, and find a balance in

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his hands of Twenty nine dollars and fifty cents
and we consider it necessary for the Quarterly
Meeting to raise four hundred and fifty dollars
and propose Welcome Congdon for Treasurer.
To Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting
Providence 10th mo 19th 1843.

Turner Haskell
Joseph Metcalf
Thomas Harkness

Which is accepted and Welcome Congdon ap-
pointed Treasurer, and the representatives ap-
pointed to attend this Quarterly Meeting are
requested to consider of a new apportionment
and report to our next meeting. c

It appearing that Thomas Harkness was in-
advertently named at our last Quarterly Meeting
by a friend not a member of Providence Monthly
Meeting as one of the committee on the appeal,
his appointment is now made according to our
usage, and the committee not being able to
proceed in consequence, are continued and re-
quested to report to our next meeting. c

Our beloved friend Rowland Greene returned
at this time ^{the minute} granted him in the 5th mo last
to pay a religious visit to some parts of New
York Yearly Meeting, with minutes from a
number of the meetings that he attended ex-
pressing that his company and religious ser-
vices were acceptable, which is satisfacto-
ry to us. c

Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting held at Providence
2nd mo 1st 1844

By Account from the Monthly meetings the represen-
tatives are

For R. Island David Buffum Jacob Chase and Zach-
ary Chase

Greenwich Thomas Anthony & Timothy C Collins
Swampscott Palmer Chase Anthony Chase and David
St. John

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Providence Joseph Metcalf Turner Haskell and Arnold Congdon all present.

The representatives having proposed David Buffum for Clerk and Arnold Congdon for Assistant, the proposition is approved and they appointed for the year ensuing

Our Esteemed Friend Daniel Clapp of Uxbridge Monthly Meeting and Lemuel Gifford of Sandwich No Meeting Massachusetts, attended this meeting with minutes from their respective Meetings, their company and religious services have been acceptable.

The queries have been read with answers to the usual number from each of our No Meetings.

Our esteemed friend Anna L Wing of Sandwich No Meeting ^{attended this morn} with a minute of concurrence of 2 meeting her company and religious service have been acceptable.

The representatives to whom the subject was referred reported as follows viz.

The apportionment of the sums of money to be raised by the Quarterly Meeting, as agreed upon by the representatives, is to be as follows viz

Rhode Island (No Meeting)	27	per cent.
Greenwich	15	"
Swansey	11	"
Providence	47	"

Providence 1st mo 31st 1844 100

On behalf of the representatives.

Asa Sherman.

Which is accepted and the Clerk is desired to furnish the several No Meetings with the necessary information respecting it.

The committee appointed to visit the Monthly Meetings reported as follows viz

The committee appointed to visit the Monthly Meetings, Report, that they have continued their attention to the situation of Swansey No Meeting and that some of their number have attended most of its sittings and have offered some advice to some of its members

It is their judgement that its condition requires further care to be extended by the Quarterly Meeting.

Signed on behalf of the committee.

Beriah Collins

Lydia C Smith 11

Providence 1st mo 31st 1844

Which is accepted and they are continued and desired to attend to the service as under their original appointment, and report to our next M^g.

The following report on the appeal of John Wilbur was rec^d and read viz

To R Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends next to be held at Providence.

We of your committee appointed in the case of John Wilbur appeal from the judgement of Greenwich Mo Meeting, having all attended to our appointment except Job Sherman. Report, that we have heard the Appellant and the committee of S^d Mo Meeting fully in the case, and after a time of deliberation thereon have come to the conclusion that the judgement of Greenwich Mo Meeting ought to be confirmed, which we submit to the meeting.

Abraham Barker

David Shore

Edmund Chase

Providence 1st mo

Turner Haskell

31st 1844

Thomas Harkness

Gideon C Smith

And after being solidly considered is accepted and the recommendation thereof adopted and the judgement of Greenwich Mo Meeting is therefore confirmed, and John Wilbur being admitted by request to hear the report and conclusion of the meeting, informed the meeting, that he appeals to the Yearly Meeting therefrom, and the appointment of a committee to represent this meeting in the case is referred to the 5th month.

And the Ck is directed to furnish Greenwich Mo M^g with information thereof.

R Island Monthly meeting informed that Thos P Nichols appeals to the Quarterly meeting from the judgement thereof in disavowing him from membership, whereupon we appoint Beriah Collins, Peck Mth Reynolds, David Shore, Barilla Buffin

ton Jonathan Freeborn Joseph Metcalf Caleb⁷³
McPaine and Allen Wing to hear the appellant
and committee from the Monthly Meeting and
report to our next meeting. ✓

Our friend Elizabeth Meader returned at
this time the minute granted her in the 8th mo
to attend North Carolina Yearly Meeting with
minutes from the Yearly Meeting and some other
meetings within its limits, stating that she atten-
ded them and that her religious services were ac-
ceptable which is satisfactory to us. ✓

The Clk is directed to sign returning minutes
for our friends Susan Howland Ruth Davis and Anna
D Wing prepared by the womens meeting; he also is
directed to furnish our friends Charles F Coffin and
Eli Jones with similar minutes and a copy of the
minute made on behalf of our friend Daniel Smi-
lie, to him. ✓

A number of the London general epistle was re-
ceived at this time and distributed to the Monthly
meetings. ✓ The reading of one is referred to another time

At R Island Quarterly Meeting held at East-
Greenwich 5th mo 2nd 1844. ✓

Accounts from our Mo Mgs being rec^d the fol-
lowing friends are named therein as represen-
tatives. viz for R Island Zachus Chase Jethro
F Mitchell and Philip Potter.

Greenwich Thos Howland Rowland Greene
and Timothy C Collins

Swaney Oliver Chase Thos Wilbur David Shore
and Oliver Earle.

Providence Jos Metcalf Allen Wing and

Gilbert Congdon who are present except one.
Our esteemed friend David C Knowles of Farnham
Mo Mg attended this Mg with a minute of said
Mo Mg endorsed by Ferrisburgh 2 Mg of 8th mo 9th
1843 expressive of unity with him in his present
religious engagements, his company and reli-
gious services have been acceptable. ✓

74 Our esteemed friend Charles Taber also attended this Mng with minutes of concurrence and unity from the same Mng his company and religious services have been acceptable. m

Our esteemed friend Paul Southwick attended this Mng as companion to Charles Taber with a minute of concurrence from Peru Mo Mng of 12th mo 28th 1843 his company has been acceptable. m

The queries have been read with answers from each of our Mo Mngs from which a summary has been prepared and with an account to the G Mng is directed to be forwarded thereto by our friends Thos Anthony Rowland Greene Thos Howland David Buffum Nicholas Congdon John Meader Jos Metcalf & David Shove whom we appoint as representatives.

The committee to visit the Mo Mngs stated that they were not prepared to report; they are therefore continued to the service and to report to our next meeting. m

John Wilbur having appealed to the G Mng from the judgement of this, in confirming his disavowment by Greenwich Mo Mng, we appoint Thos Howland Peter Peck Allen Wing Beriah Collins Wm Jenkins Jos Metcalf and Abraham Barker to represent this Mng before the committee that may be appointed by the G Mng in the case and report to our next Mng. m

The committee on the appeal of Thos P Nichols from the judgement of R I Mo Mng in disavowing him, reported as follows viz

Be it the committee in the case of Thos P Nichols appeal from the judgement of R Island Mo Mng having fully heard the parties in the case, report that after solid deliberation thereon have come to the conclusion that the judgement of R I Mo Mng ought to be confirmed.

East Greenwich 5th mo 1st 1844 Beriah

Collins Joseph Metcalf William Reynolds
Peter Peck Allen Wing David Shaw Barrilla
Buffinton Jonathan Treborn Caleb McPain.

Which is accepted and the judgement of that
Mo (ng) is therefore confirmed and the Clk is directed
to inform R. I. Mo (ng) thereof. And Thos P Nichols be-
ing admitted by request, to hear the report of the com
and the conclusion of the (ng) thereon, appeals to the
ly (ng) therefrom, whereupon we appoint Brich Col-
lins Jos Metcalf Edmund Chase David Shaw Da-
vid Buffum and Peter Peck to represent this (ng)
before the com that may be appointed by the ly (ng)
to consider the case and report to our next (ng).
The Clk is authorized to furnish the committee in each
case of appeal with the necessary minutes from the
records. c

The Mo (ngs) inform of having paid or directed the pay-
ment of their proportions of stock to our Treasurer. c

Welcome Congdon our Treasurer is directed to pay
\$360 to the Treasurer of the ly (ng) it being our propor-
tion as called for by that Meeting. c

Providence Mo (ng) being about to build a new mee-
ting house of which this (ng) approves, request per-
mission to hold their Mo (ngs) at Smithfield as they
come in course, instead of alternately as heretofore,
which is granted, during the erection and completion of
the house, the womens (ng) uniting herin. c

The Clk is authorized to furnish our friends Daniel
Claph and Lemuel Gifford with minutes embracing
the substance of the Minute made on their Account
at our last Meeting. c

The following communication to the ly (ng) was read
approved and directed to be signed by the Clk. viz.

To the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New Eng-
land to be held at Newport 6th mo next.

Dear Friends
The queries have been read in this (ng) with
answers from each of our Mo (ngs) from which a sum-
mary has been prepared and herewith forwarded. c
We have appointed our friends Thos Anthony Row-
land Greene Thos Howland David Buffum Nicho-

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Blas Congdon John, Reader for Metcalf and Da-
vid Shore to attend the Y (M) as representative.
Our Treasurer has been directed to ^{pay to} you \$360
the Am^t called for by minute of last Y (M) rec^d.
in the 8th mo, at which time we rec^d copies of the
report of the Boarding School committee one
of which was read.

John Willen having appealed to the Y (M) from the
judgement of this meeting in confirming that of
Greenwich (M) (M) in disowning him, we have
appointed a committee to represent this (M)
in the case.

Thos P Nichol, & Nichol, also has appealed
to the Y (M) from the judgement of this, in con-
firming that of R I (M) (M) in disowning
him and we have appointed a committee
to represent this meeting in the matter.

From R Island Quarterly Meeting held at
East Greenwich 5th mo 2nd 1844

Daniel Buffum Clk

Ans^d 1st All our meetings for worship and discipline
have been attended, except one, though much
neglected by some especially, those in the mid-
dle of the week, the hour pretty well observ-
ed, and generally clear of unbecoming
behaviour, a few instances of sleeping
excepted.

2nd Love and unity in a good degree main-
tained among most friends detraction not
fully guarded against by all, when dif-
ferences have appeared, endeavors have
been used to end them.

3rd Friends generally appear careful to bring
those under their direction in plainness
and to restrain from reading pernicious books
and from corrupt conversation, and are
pretty good examples themselves, the holy
scriptures are frequently read in friends
families.

4th It appears that friends are generally careful
as to the several parts of this query.

- 5th The circumstances of the poor are duly inspected and their necessities relieved, their children freed from the risk of learning none plaid out. 77
- 6th Friends are generally careful in the observance of this query. 78
- 7th Friends are careful, but not without exception to inspect their affairs and settle their accounts, to be punctual in their promises, just in the payment of their debts, and careful to live within the bounces of their circumstances. 79
- 9th Friends are careful as to records, some removals without certificates, in which cases some care has been taken. 80
- 10th Friends manifest a care for the regular dealing with offenders in good measure agreeable to the query, and for placing judgment according to discipline. 81
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At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting held at
Portsmouth 8th mo 1st 1844

By Accounts from the Mo Meetings we find the following representatives to this meeting
For Rhode Island Jonathan Dennis Abraham Barker and Jethro F. Mitchell
Greenwich Peter Peck Timothy C Collins & Nicholas Congdon

Swansey Edmund Chase Anthony Chase Miller Chase & David Shove

Providence Samuel Boyd Tobey Joseph Metcalf and Gideon C Smith who are present except two for whose absence a satisfactory reason was given. 82

The queries have ^{been} read with answers from each of the Mo Meetings to the usual number.

Our beloved friend John Pease attended this meeting with a certificate from Dartington Mo Meeting Great Britain of 3rd mo 21st 1843 expressive of unity with him in his present religious engagements, enclosed by Dan

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ham Quarterly Meeting of 4th mo 4th 1843
and with a certificate from the meeting of Min-
isters and elders of London Yearly Meeting of
similar import dated 22nd and 23rd of 5th mo and
3rd of 6th mo 1843, his company has been accept-
able and his gospel labours satisfactory and
edifying to us.

Our esteemed friend Barnard Dickinson
having felt a willingness to accompany our
friend Anna Almy Jenkins across the Atlan-
tic, attended this meeting with a minute
from Shropshire Mo Meeting Great Brit-
ain of 7th mo 3rd 1844 expressive of unity with
his ministry and coming ^{among} us, his company
and religious services have been acceptable.

Our esteemed friend Samuel Hilles
as companion to our friend John Pease atten-
ded this meeting with a minute of con-
currence from Wilmington Del. Mo. Mng.
of 5th mo 4th 1844 his company has been ac-
ceptable to us.

The representatives to the Yearly mee-
ting reported that they attended.

The committee to visit the Mo Mngs
reported as follows, viz.

To R Island Quarterly Meeting to be held this day
your committee appointed to visit the Monthly mee-
tings report, that we have, a number of us attended
Swansey Mo Mng divers times and have to inform
that in our judgement that mng is not in a situa-
tion to manage or administer our christian disci-
pline, to the honor of truth, we therefore submit the
situation thereof to the weighty consideration of the
Quarterly Meeting. On behalf of the committee

Nicholas Congdon

Joanna Peck

8th mo 1st 1844

Which is accepted, and the following communication
from the Yearly Meetings committee was rec^d at
this time and read. viz.

To Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting
Dear Friends.

The committee appointed by the Yearly Meeting "to extend a general care on its behalf for the preservation of love and unity among our members, and the support of our christian discipline," believe it right in the discharge of the duties devolving upon them to inform the Quarterly Meeting that under an apprehension that Swanry Moing was not in a suitable condition to administer our christian discipline to the honor of truth for the want of love and unity among ~~them~~ its members, several of them visited said moing and extended to them the following written advice viz.

To Swanry Monthly Meeting

Dear Friends

The committee appointed by the Yearly Meeting "to extend a general care on its behalf for the preservation of love and unity among our members the maintenance of our christian principles and testimonies, and the support of the discipline of the Church, and in the ability that may be afforded them to assist and advise such meetings and members as circumstances may require and way open for, under the direction of best wisdom," having from a belief that our duty under our appointment required it, met with the committee of your meeting appointed about two years since, to propose the names of Overseers and Clerks & apprehending that the cause of truth and the right exercise of our christian discipline urgently demand that there should be no further delay in the cases, were united in giving the following advice. It appearing by the voluntary declaration of those members of a committee, who were present, apprehended as we apprehend without the authority of discipline and out of the usual order of society, to assist the Overseers, when they presented a complaint against an individual, that they believed Edmund Chase to be innocent of the charges preferred against him by said individual, and that they did not intercede in their report to the Moing to implicate him, we were united in judgement that this document ought not to be retained by the Moing nor among its

80 papers, but destroyed. The committee on Overseers informed us that they agreed upon five friends for this station, and being but one of them from within the limits of Fall River preparative meeting, (it being usual to appoint two from that Mng) in view of the circumstances we were united in advising the committee to propose to the Mo Mng to appoint Edmund Chase in addition to those named, there not appearing to be any ground for the objection originally urged against his appointment. The com in relation to Clerks informed us that they could not agree upon names, and after a full consideration of the case, we thought it right to advise the com to propose to the Mo Mng to appoint David Shove for Clerk and Jonathan Freeborn for Assistant Clerk, and we are now united in advising the Mo Mng to make those appointments and carry into effect those recommendations believing that thereby the best interests of the Mo Mng and its preservation in the unity of the Quarterly and Yearly meeting will be promoted.

On behalf of the Y Mngs Com
Swansy 7th mo 29th 1844 Rowland Greene
Which being read was not accepted, although the judgement of the committee was given, that it was the solid sense of the Mng to accept the same and proceed in making the appointments therein contained, the Clerk declining to record this as the sense of the Mng in which he was supported by a few individuals. The com are therefore united in judgement that the Mo Mng needs assistance from the Quarterly Meeting in order for the due administration of our Christian discipline. On behalf of the Y Mngs Com.

Rowland Greene
Elizabeth Wing

Portsmouth 8th mo 1st 1844.

And believing that further care is necessary ~~is necessary~~
 to be extended by this mg, we appoint our friends
 W^m S Perry, James Dennis, Jethro F Mitchell, Zachary
 Chase, Gideon C Smith and Timothy C Collins, to
 visit that Mo Cong and render such assistance there
 to in promotion of the right administration of our
 christian ^{discipline} kind the advancement of love and unity
 among them as circumstances may require and
 way open for, and for the due organization of the
 monthly Meeting, and report to our next Meeting.

Our friend Anna A Jenkins returned at this time
 the certificate granted her to make a visit to friends
 and others in England Ireland and some parts of the
 Continent of Europe, with minutes from the Yearly
 Meeting of Ministers and elders of Ireland and Lon-
 don expressive of satisfaction and comfort with her
 company and labours of love among them, which are
 acceptable to us.

By the following minutes it appears that the Yearly
 Meeting confirmed the judgement of this in the cases
 of appeal of John Wilbur and Thos P Nichols viz.

At our Yearly Meeting of Friends, for New England
 held on Rhode Island sitting of 6th day afternoon
 21st of 6th month 1844

The committee appointed on 3^d day forenoon, the
 18th to take into consideration the case of John Wil-
 bur appeal from the judgement of R I Quarterly
 Cong confirming the judgement of Greenwich Mo
 Cong in disowning him, made a report signed by
 all the committee except one, that having all atten-
 ded to their appointment, they had heard the appel-
 lant and committee of said Quarterly Cong fully
 in the case, as acknowledged by the parties and
 that after a time of solemn deliberation, they had
 come to the conclusion that the judgement of R
 Island Quarterly Cong ought to be confirmed which
 after a time of deliberate consideration thereon was
 united with and accepted by this Cong and the
 judgement of said Cong confirmed accordingly.

And John Wilbur being called in agreeably
 to his request, the conclusion of the Cong in his

82 case as embraced in the above minute was read in his presence. c

The same committee to which was referred the case of John Wilbur's appeal, having also been requested to take into consideration the case of Thos P Nichols appeal from the judgement of R Island Quarterly Mng in confirming the decision of R Island Vno Mng in disowning him, made report in his case, signed by all the committee, that having attended to their appointment, they had heard the appellant, and the committee of said Quarterly Meeting fully in the case, as acknowledged by the parties, and after a ^{time of day} exercise and solemn deliberation, have come to the conclusion, that the judgement of R Island Quarterly Meeting ought to be confirmed, which after a time of deliberation thereon, was united with by this meeting, and the judgement of said meeting confirmed accordingly. c And being informed that Thos P Nichols did not desire to be called in, to hear read the conclusion of the Mng in his case, David Buffum was requested to give him on our behalf the information of our conclusion, and report to our next meeting. c

The Clerk was directed to furnish Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting with copies of the minutes embracing these conclusions. c

From the minutes of the Yearly Meeting

Abraham Sherman Jr Clerk

The following minute from our last Yearly Mng was received At New England Yearly Meeting of Friends held in the 6th month 1844. c

It was concluded to raise fourteen hundred dollars for the service of the ensuing year, which our several Quarterly Meetings were requested to forward to our Treasurer in the usual proportions

From the minutes of said meeting

Abraham Sherman Jr Clerk

R Island Quarterly Mngs proportion 30 percent is four hundred and twenty dollars \$420

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And we appoint Lydon C Smith James Dennis and Perez Peck to consider if any addition is necessary to be made for the use of this meeting, to examine and settle the A/c of the Treasurer and propose the name of a friend to serve in that capacity for the year ensuing and report to our next meetings.

A number of the report of the Boarding School committee were rec^d at this time, one of which was read.

The Clerk is desired to furnish our friends now with as broad a board, with minutes embracing the substance of those made at this time on their accounts.

N^o 1 Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting held at
Somerset 11th mo 7th 1844

By accounts received from the Monthly Meetings the representatives named are for

Rhode Island Jethro F. Whitehall Job Sherman and Jonathan Dennis 2nd

Greenwich Nicholas Congdon Timothy C Collins and Thomas Anthony

Swansey Oliver East Abner Slade and Thomas S Gifford

Providence Thomas Harkness John Meader and Turner Haskell who are present.

The queries have been read in this meeting with answers to the usual number to the usual number from each of our Monthly Meetings.

Our beloved friend Benjamin Fay attended this meeting with a minute of Sandwich Monthly Meeting New Hampshire of 9th mo 19th 1844 expressive of unity with him in his present religious engagement his company and gospel labor have been acceptable to us.

Our beloved friend Lemuel Gifford attended this meeting with a minute of concurrence from Sandwich Monthly Meeting Massachusetts of 11th mo 1st 1844 his company and gospel labor have been acceptable to us.

Our friends Isaac R Gifford and wife attended

84 this meeting in company with our friend
Lemuel Gifford with a minute from Dart
mouth Mo Mng of 10th mo 23-1844 their com
pany has been acceptable to us.

Our beloved friend Mrs H Beebe
opened in this meeting a concern as ex
pressed in a minute from Rhode Island Mo
Mng that had for a considerable time impos
ed his mind and more particularly of
late, to pay a religious visit to friends and
others in some parts of Dover and Salem
Quarterly Meetings and to some parts of
Ferrisburgh and Saratoga Quarterly Mngs
of New York Yearly Mng. and to take some
meetings in returning, which is united
with, and he left at liberty to pursue his
project as best Wisdom may direct, being
a minister in unity.

|| The committee appointed to assist Swanry
Mo Mng reported as follows (viz.

To Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting.

The committee appointed to visit Swanry Mo
meeting and assist in the maintenance of the
good order and discipline of our society.

Report: That we have attended to our appoint
ment and have endeavored to render that Mng
such assistance as appeared necessary, and way
opened for. In the 8th mo we attended said Mo
Mng held in Fall River, the Yearly Meetings
committee were present, and proposed before
any opening minute was read that David
Shore be appointed Clerk, in accordance with
the written advice given by them at the previ
ous Mo. Mng. and it was considered that the
meeting could not commence its business and
maintain our christian discipline, and its uni
ty with the Quarterly Meeting and Yearly mee
ting with Thomas Wilbur acting as Clerk, he
having declined to record what was clearly
the sense and judgement of the Mo Mng and

it being evidently the sense of the society part of the Soc. Ing. as was fully expressed, that David Shove be appointed Clerk, he was accordingly appointed to that station and having received the accounts from the preparative meetings, he called upon the representatives who all answered to their names, after which he proceeded with the business of the meeting. Thomas Wilbur the former Clerk having taken his seat at the table, was tenderly advised to withdraw therefrom, with which he refused to comply, and retaining the records in his hands proceeded in reading his minutes, in doing which he was supported by a few individuals. In this situation a short adjournment was concluded upon, in which the womens meeting united, and friends withdrew from the house, leaving Thomas Wilbur and a few other individuals holding a separate meeting. At the hour of adjournment friends again met, and under a very solemn covering which was believed to be an evidence of the continuation of divine favor and regard, proceeded and accomplished their business in much harmony. The next morning was held at Somerset and several of our number again attended. Thomas Wilbur and the few associated with him were present and again persisted in holding their separate meeting. As the womens meeting refused to recognize them to be Swaney (meeting of men friends, two of their number were requested by Thomas Wilbur to propose to the women that they should appoint Clerks who would act upon such business as they might lay before them. The monthly meeting having finished its business friends withdrew from the house leaving the others holding their meeting. At the rising of the women a very few of their number kept their seats, and after friends had withdrawn we are informed they appointed a Clerk and formed a separate womens meeting. At the Monthly Meeting in the 10th mo we again attended, and they then

86 held their separate meeting to the grief and distur-
bance of friends, who were again under the ne-
cessity of adjourning for a short time to prevent
disorder and confusion. The number who have
thus proceeded contrary to the long established
order of our society, appears to be small, and
we are comforted in believing, that the Mo-
meeting as a body, is concerned to preserve
and maintain its unity with the Quarter-
ly and Yearly Meetings, and to support
our christian discipline, and we are united
in opinion that further assistance from the
Quarterly Mng. would be acceptable and ser-
viceable to that meeting. ~

Somerset 11th mo 7th 1844

John F. Mitchell

Zachary Chase

Timothy C. Collins

Wm S. Perry

Gideon Smith

James Dennis. ~ //

Which is accepted, and it appearing by the fore-
going report from men friends that the Mo-
Mng of women friends of Swansea has been
subject to the same difficulty as the men
by a small number separating therefrom
and setting up what they call a Mo Mng
this meeting is united in offering the rep-
ort of our committee herewith presented for
the acceptance of women friends. ~ And
apprehending that usefulness will result
from continuing the committee, they are
continued, and desired to attend to the service
and report to this Mng in the 2nd mo next and
Thomas Harkness, Wm Reynolds and Abra-
ham Barker are added to them. ~

The committee to examine and settle the Acts
of the Treasurer &c reported as follows. viz.

To the Quarterly Meeting

We have examined and settled the Treasurer

account and found a balance in his hands of fifty three dollars and 96 cents, we recommend that four hundred and fifty dollars be raised for the ensuing year and that Welcome Congdon be appointed Treasurer.

Providence 10th mo 19th 1844

For the committee James Dennis
Gideon C Smith

Which is accepted and Welcome Congdon appointed Treasurer for the year ensuing, and our several Mo. Mgs. are requested to forward to him their usual proportion of the sum mentioned.

A Minute was rec^d from Nine Partners Quarterly Meeting of 7th mo 5th 1844 stating that our friend Rowland Greene attended that meeting in the 8th mo previous and afterwards all the meetings constituting it, and that his department and gospel labours were instructive and edifying which is satisfactory to us.

Our beloved friend Elizabeth Meader opened in this M^g a concern to attend in Gospel love the Quarterly Meetings of Butternut and Saratoga, and some of the M^{gs} belonging thereto and the M^{gs} of Ferrisburgh Quarterly Meeting and some other M^{gs} as expressed in a certificate from Providence Mo. M^g, and this M^g uniting therein the Clerk is desired to sign an encirclement prepared by the women's meeting, and David Buffum Joseph Metcalf W^m Jenkins and Samuel Boyd Tobey are appointed to render such assistance to our friend as may be needed and also to our friend Moses H Beebe.

Providence Mo. M^g having proposed that their meetings for the future should be held uninterruptedly at Providence, it is upon consideration united with.

Greenwich Mo. M^g informed that E than Foster intends to appeal from the judgement of that meeting in disowning him, the case is referred to the 2nd mo.

584 Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting held at
Providence 2nd mo 6th 1845

Acts being received from our Monthly Meetings the representatives are for R Island
Jethro F Mitchell Abraham Barker
and Francis Carr

Greenwich Nicholas Congdon Timothy C Collins and Beriah Collins
Swansey David Shove Abner Plade
and Thomas S Gifford

Providence Jonathan Congdon Joseph
Metcalf and John Meader. —
who are present except one. —

The representatives having proposed David Buffum for Clerk and Perez Peck for
assistant and being approved by the Meeting
they are appointed for the year ensuing.

The queries have been read in this Mng
and followed by answers to the usual
number from each of our Mo Meetings.

Our beloved friend Samuel Taylor
jun^r attended this meeting with a minute
of unity in his present religious engage-
ment from Sidney Mo Meeting of 11th mo
2nd 1844 his company and religious service
have been acceptable to us. —

Our beloved friend David Dudley
attended this meeting with a minute of
unity from St Albans Mo Meeting of
9th mo 24th 1844 his company and religious
service have been acceptable to us. —

Our beloved friend David Douglass at-
tended this meeting as companion to David
Dudley with a minute of concurrence from
the same Mo Mng held 10th mo 22nd 1844 his
company and solid deportment have been
acceptable to us. —

Our esteemed friend Elizabeth Meader re-
turned at this time the minute granted her
in the 11th mo last to pay a religious visit-

To the Preparative, Monthly and Quarterly Meetings of Friends within the limits of NEW-ENGLAND YEARLY MEETING.

DEAR FRIENDS—

In the discharge of the important duties devolving upon this Meeting, in the recess of the Yearly Meeting, we feel it to be incumbent upon us at this time to address you, and inform you of some of the deeply painful circumstances that have transpired in Society since our last Yearly Meeting, in the progress of that separating spirit that is producing divisions among us.

In Swanzey Monthly Meeting for a long time past there has been a want of that love and unity which are essential to the right conducting of the affairs of Truth. More than two years since, Committees were appointed in that meeting to propose the names of Clerks and Overseers of Society, but they were unable to agree upon Friends for those stations. The state of this Meeting had claimed the attention of the Yearly Meeting's Committee, and also of a Committee of Rhode-Island Quarterly Meeting, previous to our last Yearly Meeting; and much labor had been bestowed by them to remedy the existing difficulties and to produce that organization of the meeting that would enable it to carry into effect the Discipline—the administration of which had been seriously interrupted.

The Committee appointed at our last Yearly Meeting “to assist and advise such meetings and members as circumstances may require and way open for,” with a number of the Quarterly Meeting's Committee then under appointment, met with these two Committees of the Monthly Meeting in the 7th month and united with a part of them in their proposing to the meeting the names of certain friends for Clerks and Overseers. With the exception of two or three individuals, all the members of these Committees of the Monthly Meeting either united with the names proposed or expressed their acquiescence therein. They were accordingly reported by those Committees to the Monthly Meeting, and the report was fully united with by the large body of the members of that Meeting. A few individuals opposed it, and the Clerk, who was one of this number, refused to record the clearly expressed sense of the meeting; although earnestly advised to do so by the Yearly Meeting's Committee in attendance. The condition of this meeting as it then stood was presented to the Quarterly Meeting in the 8th month, which again appointed a Committee to visit Swanzey Monthly Meeting and assist in its due organization, that our christian Discipline might be supported, as in former days, to the honor of Truth.

At the following Monthly Meeting, the individual who had previously acted as Clerk still persisting in attempting to hold that station contrary to the fully expressed sense of the meeting and of the Quarterly Meeting's Committee, and of the earnest entreaty and advice of the Yearly Meeting's Committee—and the Monthly Meeting having again at this time (with the exception of those individuals who had manifested their opposition at the last meeting) united in the appointment as Clerk of the friend who had been selected at the previous meeting, he proceeded to open the meeting, and the Representatives from all the Preparative Meetings presented to him the Reports from those meetings, and all answered to the calling of their names. Notwithstanding this decision of the meeting, the former Clerk continued to sit at the table and to form and read minutes; and to prevent confusion, Friends, after having read the minute of the Quarterly Meeting appointing its Committee, adjourned to a later hour in the afternoon—by far the larger part of the men's meeting and all the women withdrawing from the house and mostly again assembling at the hour of adjournment to transact the business of the meeting. The persons who sustained the former Clerk in his decision against the judgment of the meeting, with several women who were also disaffected towards Society, continued to hold what they call Monthly Meetings, and at Rhode-Island Quarterly Meeting, in the 11th month, they presented an account purporting to come from Swanzey Monthly Meeting, which was not received or in any way acknowledged. After the business of the Quarterly Meeting was concluded, these individuals, with a few from the other Monthly Meetings, both men and women, most of whom had for a length of time openly manifested a want of unity with Friends, remained in the house and called themselves Rhode-Island Quarterly Meeting, appointing Clerks and a Committee to visit subordinate meetings.—This Committee thus appointed has since visited the Monthly Meetings and attempted to sit in them and to be recognized as a Committee from the Quarterly Meeting, organized as we have described in a

wholly unprecedented and irregular manner. Most of them being already under dealing as offenders in their respective Monthly Meetings and refusing to leave Friends select, for the support of our Discipline adjournment has been resorted to in order to be freed from this intrusion. A few individuals have been found in each of the Monthly Meetings in Rhode-Island Quarter who, being disaffected towards the body of Friends, have, under the advisement of this Committee, united in forming what they denominate Monthly Meetings, assuming to themselves the names of those Meetings respectively.

Thus, dear friends, a division in Society has taken place within the limits of Rhode-Island Quarterly Meeting; but we are comforted in being able to state that the great body of Friends remain united together, concerned for the support of the ancient principles, testimonies and discipline of our religious Society.

The *cause* of this schism we apprehend is to be found in a spirit of disaffection and desire for individual liberty that is not willing to submit to that necessary subordination, recognized in our Discipline, of inferior to superior meetings, and of each member to the body, which has ever been found essential to the welfare and preservation of our religious Society.

Attempts are strenuously made by the Separatists to fasten upon the Yearly Meeting, and those who do not unite with them, a charge of unsoundness in our fundamental principles—an accusation which we are fully assured is entirely unfounded in fact—as we have abundant evidence of the unabated concern of Friends to maintain inviolate the ancient doctrines and testimonies of our religious Society as professed and sustained by our worthy predecessors in the Truth, and to support our christian Discipline.

As a manifestation of the care of Friends to hold up to view those Gospel Truths which we do most solemnly believe and which have ever been received by us as a people, we would refer to divers documents that have been issued by the Yearly Meeting or Meeting for Sufferings within the past few years, in which Friends are exhorted not only to hold fast to those ancient and established principles and testimonies of our Society, but faithfully cautioned against giving any countenance to the receiving or spreading of unsound doctrines, either by reading or circulating books containing them or otherwise.—The documents to which we specially allude are a “Minute of the Yearly Meeting” in 1836—“An Epistle to the members of the Society of Friends of New-England Yearly Meeting from the Meeting for Sufferings” in 1838—the *Introduction* to the “Memorials of Deceased Friends” published in 1841, as well as the *Appendix* thereto, being a reprint of “The Testimony of the Society of Friends on the Continent of America”—and “An Essay on some of the prominent Doctrines and Testimonies of Friends,” issued by the Yearly Meeting in 1843.

These candid, full and explicit declarations, and the continued care that has been manifested by Friends individually to observe the recommendations contained in them, leave those without excuse who still persist in charging upon Society a dereliction from the principles of our predecessors in religious profession.

Efforts, we have cause to believe, are exerted in other Quarterly Meetings to extend the spirit of disaffection and to produce divisions among Friends—and these efforts are often masked under the very plausible pretext of a concern for the support of the ancient principles and testimonies of our religious Society. We feel it to be our duty affectionately to entreat and solemnly to warn Friends^{to beware} of being taken in the snare that is spread for them. Brethren—be not deceived. May the great Head of the Church in His mercy still condescend to watch over and direct us as individuals and as a body, that we may be preserved from falling.

In order that no embarrassment may be experienced by Friends in determining what Meetings are in unity with the Society we have appointed the following correspondents to act until the time of our next Yearly Meeting, by whom all documents issued by their respective meetings are to be signed, in addition to the usual signatures of the Clerks; and any paper purporting to come from either of those meetings, not signed by the appointed correspondent, should be deemed as spurious—viz.:

For Rhode-Island Quarterly Meeting,	- - -	THOMAS HOWLAND.
For Rhode-Island Monthly Meeting,	- - -	JETHRO F. MITCHELL.
For Greenwich Monthly Meeting,	- - -	ROWLAND GREENE.
For Swanzey Monthly Meeting,	- - -	OLIVER EARLE.
For Providence Monthly Meeting,	- - -	SAMUEL BOYD TOBEY.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the Meeting for Sufferings of New-England Yearly Meeting, held at Providence, by adjournment, the 6th of 12th month, 1844.

SAMUEL BOYD TOBEY, Clerk.

to some parts of New York Yearly Meeting with minutes of her acceptable attendance from a number of meetings which are satisfactory to us.
Ethan Foster not appearing to prosecute his appeal the subject is dismissed.

The committee to assist Swanzy Mo Meeting reported as follows viz.
To Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends.
The committee appointed to assist Swanzy Mo Meeting, report, that some of our members have attended each meeting since last Quarter, and inform that friends continue to be disturbed by the separatists, and that further care from the Quarterly Meeting may be useful, which we submit to the meeting.

Providence 2nd mo 6th 1845.

For the committee Jethro F Mitchell
Lydia C Smith
Mary Williams

which is accepted and it is the judgement of the meeting that the committee be continued, they are therefore continued and desired to attend to ~~the~~ service as way may open.

R Island and Swanzy Mo Meetings inform of having directed the payment of their proportion of stock to our Treasurer.

Swanzy Mo Meeting in Their Act inform of having united with their women meeting in divorcing Mary Buffinton formerly an approved minister of that Meeting.

The following printed document from the meeting for Sufferings to the subordinate meetings was received at this time and read and is acceptable to us.

The London printed General Epistle for 1844 was received at this time and read and is acceptable to us.

The Clerk is desired to furnish the friends more ^{with} from other mgs with copies of the minutes ~~of the~~ ^{minutes} made on their behalf and also those ^{that} attended our last Quarterly Meeting.

90 Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting held at
East Greenwich 5th mo 1st 1845.

By account received from the Mo Meetings the
representatives are for Rhode Island Jos^{ph} Sher-
man Jonathan Dennis 2^d and Isaac Hathaway
Greenwich W^m Reynolds Beriah Collins &
Timothy C Collins.

Swanzy David Shove Abner Slade and
Henry Slade.

Providence Jos^{ph} Mitealf Thomas Hark-
ness and Gilbert Congdon. who are
present except one whose absence is satis-
factorily accounted for.

The queries have been read with answers thereto
from each of our Mo Meetings from which a
summary has been prepared, and we herewith
forward said summary to the ensuing Yearly
Meeting by our friends Jos^{ph} Mitealf Row-
land Greene W^m Jenkins Thomas Anthony Rich-
ard Congdon David Buffum David Shove Oli-
ver Earl John Meader Perez Peck and Beriah
Collins.

The committee to visit and assist Swanzy Mo
Meeting Reported as follows viz.

The committee to visit and ^{assist} Swanzy Mo Me-
ting report that they have paid further attention
to the subject the past quarter, and are now
united in judgement that further care from
them in the case is not at present required,
which we submit to the Meeting.

East Greenwich 5th mo 1st 1845.

On behalf of the committee
James Dennis

Carney Mitealf.

Which is accepted and they are released from further
attention thereto, their services having been satisfacto-
ry to this Meeting. And the Clerk is directed to
furnish the Yearly Meeting with an account of the
proceedings of this meeting in relation to Swanzy
Mo Meeting, the past year.

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Our friend Moses H Beede returned at this time
The certificate granted him in the 11th mo last, with
a Minute of Farnham Mo Meeting Canada East
of 12th mo 23rd 1844 expressive of satisfaction with his
company and services, and one from Ferrisburgh
Mo Meeting of 1st mo 1st 1845 of the like import
which are satisfactory to us.

A communication from the Meeting for Suffer-
ings in relation to those who have separated from society
has been received and read in this and all our Mo Meet-
ings and directed to be recorded.

Greenwich and Providence Mo Meetings inform
of having paid their proportion of stock to our Treas.

Our Treasurer is requested to pay to ~~you~~ the Treas-
of the Yearly Meeting our proportion of stock ordered
last year.

He may inform the Yearly Meeting that Ethaniel
Foster Eunice Foster and Lydia Wilbur who have
stood as elders in Greenwich Mo Meeting have
^{been} disowned from membership and Henry Goulce
of Rhode Island Mo Meeting and Mary Buffin-
ton of Swanzy Mo Meeting who has stood as an
approved Minister.

Ans: 1st - Our meetings for religious worship and
discipline have been attended except a few small
meetings under peculiar circumstances, some
care taken, those on first days and for discipline
have been attended by most of our members, mid-
week meetings are not always so fully attended
the hour generally observed, clear of unbecoming
behaviour, a few instances of sleeping excepted.

2nd - We believe love and unity are in a good
degree maintained, and detraction mostly guar-
ded against, no differences have come to our
knowledge.

3rd - Most friends are careful to bring up those
under their direction in plainness, and to restrain
them from reading pernicious books, and from the
corrupt conversation of the world, they are generally
by good examples better themselves, and the Holy

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Scriptures are frequently read in friends families.

4th We believe friends are careful to avoid the use of spiritous liquors except for medicine, careful to avoid the unnecessary frequenting of taverns and places of public resort, an instance or two excepted and to keep in moderation on account of births, marriages, burials, and on other occasions.

5th The circumstances of the poor are attended to and their necessities relieved, their children partake of learning to fit them for business, none placed out that have come to our knowledge.

6th Most friends are careful that all proceedings with respect to marriage be conformable to our discipline.

7th No breach of our testimony in these respects that we know of, except an instance or two of a military nature in one preparative meeting.

8th Friends are generally careful to inspect their affairs, and settle their accounts, to be punctual to their promises, and just in the payment of their debts, and careful to live within the bounds of their circumstances.

9th Marriages duly recorded, births and deaths mostly, a few removals without certificates, some care taken.

10th Care has been taken to deal with offenders we trust, in good degree according to the query and judgement has been placed according to discipline.

The Clerk is directed to furnish the Yearly Meeting with an account of the proceedings of this meeting in relation to Swearing (no meeting the past year).

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting held at
Portsmouth 8mo 7 1845

Accounts being received from the members the

representatives therein named are for Rhode Island
 John Sherman Jacob Chase and Francis Carr, Green-
 wich Perez Peck Nicholas Congdon and Timothy C.
 Collins, Swansea Edmund Chase David Shore &
 Lily Gifford, Providence William Jenkins John Mea-
 der and Turner Haskell, who are present.

The queries have been read in this meeting with
 answers to the requisite number from each of the month-
 ly meetings constituting three.

Our beloved friend Lemuel Gifford attended this
 meeting with a minute of Sandwich Mo Meeting
 (Mass. of 6th mo 27th 1845) expressive of unity with
 him in his present religious engagement, his com-
 pany and religious service, have been acceptable
 to us.

Our esteemed friend Nathan King attended this
 meeting this meeting as companion to our friend
 Lemuel Gifford with a minute from the same Mo
 Meeting expressive of unity with him therein, his
 company has been acceptable to us.

Our beloved friend John Meader laid before this
 meeting in a feeling manner a prospect that had for
 a considerable time, rested with weight upon his mind
 to attend in the love of the Gospel, the approaching
 yearly meetings of Ohio and Indiana, to visit a
 few meetings within the limits of each, and as
 way may open for it, to visit most of the meetings
 in the northern and western parts of New York
 Meeting, as expressed in a certificate from Providence
 Mo Meeting, which being solidly considered was
 united with, and he left at liberty to proceed there-
 in as best wisdom may direct, being a minis-
 ter with us. The Clk & directed to furnish him
 with a copy of this minute.

Greenwich Mo Meeting having requested liberty to
 sell the meeting house and a part of the lot belonging
 to friends at Wickford, this meeting leaves that Mo
 meeting to as appears best in the case.

We appoint Joseph Nuttall David Buffum Perez
 Peck Edward Wing and Thomas Harkness to confer

74 With our friend John Meader and render such assistance as may be necessary in accomplishing the visit to which he has been liberated at this time. The following Minute from the Yearly Meeting was received viz.

At New England Yearly Meeting held in 6th mo 1845 It was concluded to raise two thousand dollars for the service of the ensuing year, which our several Quarterly Meetings were requested to forward to our Treasurer in the usual proportions, Rhode Island Quarterly Meetings proportion is six hundred dolls

From the Minutes of said Meeting
30th 6th \$600—

Abraham Sherman Jr Clerk and we appoint Gilbert Congdon, Nicholas Congdon Jethro F Mitchell, and Abner Place to consider whether any addition is necessary for the use of this meeting, to examine and settle the accounts of our Treasurer, and report the name of a friend to serve as Treasurer for the year ensuing, and report to our next Meeting.

A number of printed reports of the Boarding School committee were received at this time one of which was read.

The representatives appointed to attend our last Yearly Meeting reported that they attended.

The following epistle from the Yearly Meeting was received at this time and read and is acceptable to us, viz.

Epistle

To the Quarterly and Monthly Meetings. Within the limits of New England Yearly Meeting and the individual members of the Society of Friends.

Dear friends.

Assembled together at our accustomed time and place for the transaction of the affairs of our religious society in New England, with sincere desires for the health and prosperity of all our brethren and sisters in the ever blessed truth, and the promotion and advancement of the cause of our Redeemer in the earth, circumstances have arisen with

which we deem it essential to make you acquainted. 95

For a long ~~series~~ of years it pleased the Great Head of the Church to watch over us and permit us to meet together in love, and to enable us to settle the various important matters which came before us to mutual comfort and edification: we have not been without our trials, but strength was afforded to meet them. We were in great measure spared the afflictions which fell upon Friends in various sections of our society on this continent, from error and error in the fundamental doctrines of our holy religion, producing divisions with, whilst we continued a united and increasing people. Many of you are nevertheless sensible that for years past a few individuals in some places have given concern to the rightly exercised among us; that of late times this spirit ~~this~~ by which they were influenced has shewn itself more conspicuously, and led to separation in one of our quarters. Upon our first gathering together at this time several of those who had thus caused grief to Friends appeared and presented an account purporting to be from their Quarterly Meeting, which, with sincere desires that they might have a full opportunity of stating their case, and if needful have the desired relief, was referred in the first place to the representatives in a body, exclusive of those from the Quarterly Meeting from which two accounts were presented, no objection being made to their case being opened to the meeting in its collective capacity, should this be subsequently judged best. The persons who claimed to be aggrieved denied the jurisdiction of this committee, and with others coming to our afternoon sitting, proceeded in what they termed the business of New England Yearly Meeting, to the interruption of Friends; remaining in the house till the minute of adjournment was read—since which they have not been with us, but as we are informed assembled in another place, thus effecting the sorrowful work of separation, which had been commenced in Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting. During the time alluded to and since, Friends have been mercifully favored to preserve

96 much mental equanimity and becoming order, moving in their business, we trust, in the wisdom of Truth, and in numbers not fewer than in former years. It is not for us in this communication to enter into those remote causes which have led to this painful result. They might, doubtless, be found in a departure from humble, lowly waiting upon Christ, and faithfully following the leadings and guidance of his blessed spirit: by unwatchfulness in this respect the door has been opened for the accuser of the brethren to come in. And it may not be wrong whether there are not here in evidence of a lack of that deep sense of the fallen condition of man, of our need of that redemption which comes by Christ, and the value of the means provided for our help. Had those who are now troubling us been grounded in that faith which works by love to the purifying of the heart, would they not have found, — as we seek shall we not all find — that necessity for a deep indwelling with the spirit of Truth, which preserves from such uncalled for and unsanctified proceedings?

Dear friends, we have had, and shall have much to bear; misrepresentation of fact in respect of our disciplinary proceedings; false and utterly unfounded charges of a general unsoundness of doctrine amongst us have been widely circulated; brethren and sisters, whose lives are before us, have been unsparingly traduced.

We have with great unanimity issued a statement, which has been deliberately read and considered in both our Men's and Women's Meetings of the facts of the case, and a declaration of our unshaken faith as Christians and as Friends — those documents we earnestly recommend to your serious attention. Connected with their perusal, let us seek after living aspirations to commit our way in well doing unto the Lord.

From the days of our worthy predecessors, George

Fox, Robert Barclay, William Penn and others, in every trial of this description which has been permitted Friends in this country or our beloved brethren of Great Britain, charges have been freely made, as of false doctrine, misapplied discipline, the rule and influence of station, gifts, talents, wealth and learning - with what truth, in past days, their invaluable writings set forth - with no more truth are they now urged.

Man is fallible; but with the sincerity of action which has attended all the movements in this matter, many of you are acquainted, and know full well that the charges are utterly untenable, and proof in these matters impossible; but, affecting as it is, there seems to be a remarkable recklessness in many who have fallen into this snare as to results.

During most of two centuries the Yearly Meetings of Friends have, although independent bodies, occupied much common ground, in addition to that of uniting in the same profession of our Christian faith. Ministers recognized in one, have been so acknowledged, and encouraged to labor in others; the transfer of rights to membership and intermarriage have not been affected by the Yearly Meeting lines.

Regardless of the blessings which those wise provisions of our forefathers have led us to enjoy, the movements now made must cripple, if not destroy, arrangements fraught with indescribable benefit, for no definable, certainly no adequate end - discord is introduced, though it may divide between Meetings, near and dear friends, and even embitter the tenderest relations of life, and urged onwards with a blind impetuosity as to results which nothing but the most obvious reasons - as a manifest departure from living faith, or our long cherished testimonies - could justify.

Instead of Friends and Meetings striving to encourage each other in the faithful maintenance of our religious principles before others, the grand aim with some now appears to be, the detection of things in which some dissimilarity of view may be discovered, to the sad overlooking of that "charity which hopeth all things," and the

9th weakening of the Society in that testimony to the love, spirituality, purity and simplicity of the gospel which we fully believe has been given us, as a people to bear.

In thus briefly pointing your attention to the trials which have been permitted to overtake us, it is not our object to introduce you into controversy, or awaken any feelings of irritation towards those through whom the offence has come; but on the contrary, we would guard you against it. Controversy, which so generally seeks the weak side, and not infrequently attacks character, is dangerous to all, and especially to the young.

We rarely dwell upon or expose the errors of others, without a secret feeling of self-satisfaction, which draws from that which should be the constant concern of life—a close attention to our own faults—its results upon individuals and bodies, in the evidences of self-exaltation and a judging spirit but too often afforded, ought to warn us against entering upon it, or proceeding one step beyond the clear requirements of Truth; whilst as to the feelings which ought to pervade our hearts towards our erring friends, a deep sorrow for them in their bewildered state, and a prayerful desire for their restoration should ever predominate. Some of them we doubt not, have a zeal for God, but not according to knowledge; that knowledge, which in a humble abiding before him, we believe he will continue to dispense to the seeking soul. Not entangled in the right hand or the left hand errors which have sorrowfully, at different times, found place and produced schisms in our society, let us strive to keep a straight forward course, walking in the footsteps of our forefathers, as they followed the Lamb.

We believe, dear Friends, that it is incumbent upon us, in much tenderness to spread before you a caution in relation to the multiplied publications that are now very fully circulated within our limits and elsewhere, "reflecting darkly upon Friends," and to revive the admonition of our Discipline, "that no such book, pamphlet or paper, be written, printed, published or

privately handed about, by any under our profession!" Various publications to which we refer, containing statements, which are not supported by facts, and into which the names of many worthy Friends are freely introduced, or they in some way designated, and unjustly represented, may surely be regarded in the fullest sense pernicious; and as such, they should not be circulated or read.

It has been deeply affecting to us to learn, that under the influence of that delusive spirit to which we have referred, some have accepted the contents of such books, and received written or verbal statements from interested parties, as of almost equal validity with those contained in publications issued by regularly constituted bodies of valuable Friends, a description of document to which implicit credence has heretofore been given - and under such false impressions, have imbibed and urged individual sentiments, against the solid judgement of the body - proceedings totally at variance with that into which the Truth leads.

The advice contained in an ancient Epistle, put forth by George Whitehead, Stephen Crisp and others, in the year 1666, is applicable to our day, and we urge it up on your serious attention. "If any who are of the unity with the body of Friends, print or cause to be printed or published in writing anything which is not of service for the Truth, but tends to the reproach and scandal of faithful Friends, or to beget or uphold division or faction; then do we warn and all Friends that love the Truth, as they desire it may prosper and be kept clear, to be ware and take heed of having any hand in printing, publishing or spreading such books or writings."

Beloved Brethren and Sisters - We commend you to the Lord for safety - we fervently crave your preservation, and that you may witness a unity one with another, in the true fellowship and love of the gospel. In this Meeting various epistles from our Friends of other Yearly Meetings have been read to our comfort, and we have felt it to be a peculiar blessing and cause for thankfulness that we have been favored with the company of divers concerned and qualified Friends from different Yearly Meetings, whose

Sympathy, unity, and advice, have been truly acceptable, comforting and instructing to us. This meeting has been closely united, and we have been enabled to travel together in sweet and harmonious labor for the cause of Truth.

We are now about to separate, under a humbling sense of the love and mercy of the adorable Head, that he has condescended to be near, and as we trust, to direct us in the steps that we should take in his militant church. We bid you affectionately farewell. May you be favored to possess your souls in patience, enduring all things for Christ's sake - that through watching unto prayer, you may be enabled to perceive the subtle snares of the adversary of souls, and in the silence of all flesh, to distinguish between the voice of the true Shepherd and that of the stranger. To this unsleeping Shepherd we commend you. He still careth for the flock, and as they hearken to and obey his voice, with, blessed be his name, keep them in his safe enclosure now and forever. Amen.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the Yearly Meeting of Friends, for New England, held by adjournment from the 15th to the 23^d inclusive, of the sixth month, 1845. Abraham Sherman Jr. Clk.
Hannah Gould Jr. Clerk.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting held at
Somerset 11th mo 6th 1845.

By the Accounts received at this time from the Monthly Meetings we find the following friends named as representatives to this Meeting.

For Rhode Island Moses H. Beacie John Heddy
and Jethro S. Mitchell.

Greenwich Wm Reynolds Rowland Greene
and William S. Perry.

Swanzy Oliver Earl Thomas S. Gifford
and David Shore.

Providence John Meader Wm A. Robinson and
James Dennis, who are present.

The queries have been read in this meeting with answers to the 1st 2nd and 10th from each of our Meetings.

Our friend John Meader returned at this time granting him by our last Mng to pay a religious visit as expressed therein, and informed the Mng that he had performed that portion of it, that way seemed to open for, to the peace of his own mind, which is satisfactory to us, and he produced a minute of Indiana Yearly Meeting that his visit was satisfactory and edifying to them, he also produced a minute from Alliance Creek Quarterly Meeting of 9th mo 25th 1845. of similar import.

The committee to examine and settle the accounts of our Treasurer and for other purposes, reported as follows

The Committee appointed to settle Treasurers account and for other purposes, report that we find a balance due the Treasurer of Forty two dollars and 66/100.

We propose Welcome Congdon for Treasurer and the sum of nine hundred dollars for this, meetings use for the ensuing year. On behalf of the Committee

Abner Slade

Providence 10th mo 3rd 1845. Gilbert Congdon
Which is accepted and we appoint Welcome Congdon to serve this Mng as Treasurer for the year ensuing, and the several Mngs are requested to forward to him their respective proportions of the sum mentioned.

This Mng unites with the women Mng in approving the appointment by Swanzey Mng of Elizabeth Shove to the station of an elder.

This Mng approves of the appointment of Oliver Earle by ~~Swanzey~~ ^{Swanzey} Mng and of Wm S Perry by Greenwich Mng to the station of elders. the women's meeting uniting herein, and the Clk is desired to give the necessary information hereof to the meetings required.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting held at Providence
2nd mo 5th 1846.

By accounts received from our monthly meetings the representatives to this meeting are for R Island Jos Shuman Abraham Barker and Jethro F Mitchell, Greenwich Beriah Collins Nicholas Congdon and Rowland Greene, Swanzey Jarvis Shove David Shove and Lilly Giffard, Providence Jos Mitchell John Meader and James

1026 Dennis, who are present. c

The representatives having proposed David Buffum for clerk and Peter Peck for Assistant, and it being approved by the meeting, they are appointed for the year ensuing.

The queries have been read with answers from each of our Mo. Meetings, to the usual number.

Our beloved friend Reuben Jones attended this meeting with a minute of Litchfield Mo. Mtg of 12th mo 19th 1845 expressive of unity with him in his present religious engagement, his company and religious services have been acceptable to us. c

Our beloved friend Valentine Menden attended this meeting as companion to our friend Reuben Jones with a minute from the same Mo. Mtg of 1st mo 16th 1846 his company has been acceptable to us. c

R Island and Swanzy Mo Mtgs inform that they have directed the payment of their proportions of stock to our Treasurer. c

Greenwich Mo Mtg informs this that they have appointed Benjamin Greene to the station of an elder, of which this meeting approves the women's meeting uniting herein. c

Our beloved friend Elizabeth Gore attended this meeting with a minute of concurrence of Seabrook Mo Mtg of 1st mo 1st 1846 her company and religious services have been acceptable to us. c

Our beloved friend Abigail. B. Hanson attended this meeting with a minute of concurrence from Dover Mo Mtg of 1st mo 14th 1846. her company and religious services have been acceptable to us. c

This meeting approves of the appointment by Providence Mo Mtg of Jonathan Congdon and William Jenkins to the station of elders, and the clerk is directed to give the information to the meetings requiring.

Our friend Rowland Greene returned the minute granted him in the 5th mo 1845 to pay a religious visit to some parts of the Y Meetings of N York and Phila and informed the Mtg that he had accomplished that portion of the service that was seemed to open for to the peace of his own mind which is satisfactory to this meeting.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting held at East-
Greenwich 5th mo 7th 1846

Accounts from our several Monthly Meetings bindred
we find the following friends named therein as repre-
sentatives to this, For Rhode Island Edward Wing
Francis Carr, and Josiah Chase. Greenwich William
Reynolds Benjamin Greene and Timothy C Collins.
Swansey, Jarvis Shove Abner Slade and David Shove
Providence. John Meader, James Dennis and Joseph
Metcalf, who are present. c

The queries have been read in this meeting with
answers from each of our Mo Mgs and a summary has
been prepared therefrom which with an account to the
yearly Meeting read at this time, are directed to be for-
warded thereto, by our friends Rowland Greene Jos.
Metcalf Edmund Chase David Buffum John
Meader and Thomas Anthony, whom we appoint
our representatives. c

Our Treasurer is directed to pay to the Treasurer of the
yearly Meeting our proportion of stock ordered last
year. c

This meeting has been officially informed that a
secession of a small portion of our members has taken
place and separate meetings set up, in each of our
monthly Meetings of R Island Greenwich and
Providence. c

Greenwich MoMg in their account inform, that
friends of South Kingstown and Hopkinton pre-
parative meetings have requested to be established
as a Mo. Mg. under the name of South Kingstown
Mo. Mg. which Greenwich Mo. Mg. has recommended
to the Quarterly Meeting for its consideration, being
approved by them; whereupon we appoint Joseph
Metcalf Sam^l B Tobey David Buffum John Meader
David Shove Edmund Chase W^m A Robinson, and
Thos Harkness, to unite with a committee of wom-
en friends in a visit to Greenwich Mo. Mg. and re-
port their judgement thereon to our next Quarterly
Meeting. c

Our beloved friend Elizabeth Meader opened in

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This meeting a concern to attend the approaching
Yearly Meeting of New York and some of the mee-
tings composing the Quarterly Meetings of West-
bury Purchase and Nine Partners and of appoint-
ing some meetings among those not members of
our society, as expressed in a certificate she produ-
ced from Providence Mo. Mng. which was fully
united with, and she left at liberty to proceed
therein as truth may open the way being a
Minister in unity with us, and the Clk is de-
sired to sign on our behalf an endorsement
prepared by the women Mng. and W^m A Robinson
Samuel Boyd Tobey and Jos Metcalf are appoin-
ted to render any advice and assistance that
may be needed in the prosecution of her visit.

The Clk is directed to furnish our friends Reu-
ben Jones and companion with copies of the Min-
utes made on their account at our last Mng.

We are informed that Greenwich Mo Mng has paid
its proportion of stock to our Treasurer, and that
Providence has directed the payment of theirs
To the Yearly Meeting.

Dear friends

The queries have been read in this Mng
with answers thereto, from each of our Mo Mngs
from which a summary has been prepared and
we herewith forward it by our friends Rowland
Greene, Jos Metcalf, Edmund Chan, David
Buffum, John Meader and Thos Anthony
whom we appoint our representatives.

We have united with Swanzy Mo. Mng. in
the appointment of Oliver Earle, and with Green-
wich Mo. Mng. in that of W^m S Perry and Benjⁿ
Greene and with Prov. Mo. Mng. in that of
Jonathan Congdon, and W^m Jenkins, to the
station of elders, the latter since deceased. We
have directed our Treasurer to pay to yours our
proportion of stock ordered last year. This Mng
has been officially informed, that a secession of
a small portion of our members, has taken place,
and separate Mngs set up, in each of our mo.

Meetings of R Island, Greenwich and Providence.

Answer 1st Our meetings for religious, courtship and discipline have all been kept up, with the exception of five small meetings in one morning, in three places in consequence of inclemency of weather and ill health) and we trust most friends are engaged for the due attendance of them; yet we fear, there is a want of concern in others, on which account some care has been taken the hour nearly observed, not quite clear in regard to sleep, clear of ^{other} unbecoming behaviour when assembled.

2nd Love and unity are generally maintained, detraction is mostly guarded against, when differences have arisen endeavours have been used to end them.

3rd Friends manifest a care in bringing up their children in plainness, in restraining them from reading pernicious books, and from corrupt conversation, they are mostly good examples themselves, the holy Scriptures we believe are frequently read in friends families.

4th Careful to avoid the use of spirituous liquors except for medicine, and the unnecessary frequenting of taverns and places of public resort, (with one or two exceptions) and to observe moderation in the cases referred to.

5th The circumstances of the poor are attended to and their necessities relieved, their children partake of learning to fit them for business, care manifested in regard to placing out.

6th Friends are generally careful that all proceedings with respect to marriage be conformable to discipline.

7th No breach of our testimony in regard to the several parts of this query has come to our knowledge.

8th Friends are generally careful to inspect their affairs, and settle their accounts, punctual to their promises, and just in the payment of their debts, and generally careful to live within the bounds of their circumstances.

9th Careful as to records, a few removed without certificates, most of which are under notice.

10th Friends manifest a care to deal with offenders in good measure according to the query, and to place judgement according to discipline.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting held at
Portsmouth 8th mo 6th 1846

By Accounts rec^d from our Mo^o Meetings the representatives are for Rhode Island Leander Chase
Jethro F. Mitchell and Francis Carr.

Greenwich, Nicholas Congdon & Thos Anthony
Swansey, Abner Slade Edmund Chase & David Thove
Providence, Olney Thompson James Dennis and
Thomas Harkness. Who are present.

The queries have been read and succeeded by answers to the requisite number from each of our Monthly Meetings.

The representatives to the Yearly Meeting reported that they attended.

Our beloved friend John Meader spread before this meeting a concern that had for a long time rested on his mind, and latterly with increasing weight, to attend, in the love of the Gospel the Yearly Meetings of Baltimore and North Carolina to visit some of the meetings constituting them and if way should open for it, to appoint some among those not in profession with us, which was fully united with by the meeting, and he left at liberty to pursue his prospect as best wisdom may direct being a Minister in unity with us. And the Clk is directed to furnish him with a copy of this minute.

The committee on the subject of establishing South Kingston Monthly Meeting, reported having paid attention to the subject but were not prepared to make a final report, the case is therefore referred under their care to our next Quarterly Meeting.

The following minute from the Yearly Meeting was rec^d viz.

At our Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England held in the 6th mo 1846.

It was concluded to raise twenty five hundred dollars for the service of this meeting for the ensuing year, which our several Quarterly Meetings were requested to forward to David Buffum our Treasurer, according to the apportionment established this year.

Rhode Island Quarterly Meetings proportion is five hundred and seventy five dollars - (23 per cent)

From the minutes of the Yearly Meeting
Samuel Boyd Tobey Clerk.

And we appoint W^m A Robinson Edmund Chase and Thomas Anthony to consider whether any addition is necessary to be made for the use of this meeting, to settle the accounts of the Treasurer, and report the name of a friend to serve this meeting as Treasurer for the year ensuing.

Our beloved friend Elizabeth Wing opened in this meeting a prospect that had weightily impressed her mind, to attend the ensuing Yearly Meeting at Baltimore, also some of the meetings belonging thereto, and if way should open for it, to appoint some among those not in membership with us, which was united by the meeting and she left at liberty to proceed therein as best wisdom may direct, being a Minister in unity with us.

Swansey Monthly Meeting informs this that they have, with the concurrence of the women's meeting approved of the public appearances in the Ministry of Jacob H Vining, which being solidly considered and is united with, the women's meeting concurring herein. And the Clk is directed to inform the select Quarterly Meeting thereof.

The report of the Boarding School committee was read at this time and read, and a number forwarded to the Monthly Meetings.

A number of the printed General Epistle of London Yearly Meeting for 1845 were rec^d and distributed among the Monthly Meetings, and the reading thereof is referred to our next Quarterly Meeting.

Our friend Elizabeth Wheeler returned at this time the minute granted her to attend New York

188 Yearly Meeting, and some meetings within its limits, and informed the meeting that she had been favored to perform the rite to the peace of her own mind, and produced a minute from the Yearly Meeting of Ministers and elders stating that her company and religious services were acceptable, which is satisfactory to us.

We appoint our friends Joseph Metcalf Edmund Chase and Thomas Harkness to render such advice and assistance as may be necessary to our friends John Maceo and Elizabeth Wing in the prosecution of the services to which they have been liberated at this time.

The following Epistle from our last Yearly Meeting was read and read at this time, and the wholesome counsel therein is acceptable to us.

At our Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England, held on Rhode Island by adjournments from the 14th to the 19th inclusive of the 6th mo 1846

To the Quarterly and Monthly Meetings.

Being again favored to meet in this our annual assembly, and to partake sweetly of the sustaining bread of life through the unmerited mercy of our Heavenly Father, who in condescending love has extended his wing of goodness over us, you, dear absent Friends, have been brought very feelingly before us, and we have felt concerned to salute you in the following of the unchanging truth, and to endeavor to convey to you a little of the exercises of this Meeting, and of the comforts of which we have been at this time permitted to be partakers. We have been made renewably to feel, and we crave that it may be abidingly impressed upon our hearts, that all our sin, mercies come from God; that he alone can direct us aright, and that it is only as we are engaged to look unto Him, continuing steadfastly in watchfulness in to prayer, that we can witness preservation. Many are the evils that abound in the world—multiplied are the snares and temptations that

At our Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England, held on Rhode Island in the sixth month, 1846—

The Committee having the superintendence of the Boarding School at Providence presented their annual report, which was read ; and while the care thus manifested by the Committee is satisfactory to this Meeting, yet, in view of the importance of the concern, and with desires that the greatest amount of good may be dispensed to the members of our religious Society from an Institution established, as we doubt not, in best wisdom, and endowed and cherished by beloved friends, deeply concerned for the promotion of truth and the preservation and guarded education of the children of this Society, we are induced now to appoint our friends * * * * * a Committee to take the whole subject into their solid consideration, and if, after careful deliberation, they are prepared to propose any change, either in the Committee or in the manner of their discharging the duties of their appointment, or to make any other suggestion that they apprehend will promote the interests of the Institution, they are requested to report the same to a future sitting of this Meeting.

At a subsequent sitting, the Committee to whom this subject was referred presented the following report, viz. :—

“ TO THE YEARLY MEETING.

“ The Committee to whom was referred the consideration of the report of the School Committee, and who were requested to make any suggestions that they might deem important in relation to the welfare of the School and promotion of the best interests of the Institution, report :

“ That they have given to the subject their careful deliberation, and are united in making the following propositions to the Yearly Meeting, viz. :

“ In order to effect a more direct responsibility on the part of those appointed by the Yearly Meeting to superintend the School, and to induce greater efficiency of action in the direction and management of its affairs, we would propose that a small Committee of twelve of each sex should be appointed by the Yearly Meeting, to whom should be committed the care and superintendence of the Institution, six of whom (three of each sex) should be released from the charge and six others substituted annually. These six should be eligible to reappointment after one year, and the others to continue to be released in rotation, from year to year.

“ It should be understood that this Committee should give their personal attention closely to the School, and should meet there monthly and appoint of their number such as they should deem proper to have the more immediate charge thereof during the recess of their meetings. They should visit the Schools to know for themselves their true state, by attending them during school hours, and by witnessing, advising, and directing in relation to the process of instruction, and they should judge of the standing and progress of the children, and enter into free intercourse with them and their teachers. They should advise with and direct the Superintendents respecting the expenditures and domestic management of the family, and endeavor to feel and exercise an individual interest in the various concerns of the Institution.

“ We would also propose that the Yearly Meeting should appoint a General Committee on the subject of education, to be composed of Friends from the several Quarterly Meetings, to promote the guarded education of our children, both in the Boarding School and in Monthly Meeting, Preparative Meeting and family schools, in accordance with the concern long felt by the Yearly Meeting. This Committee on Education should meet and consult with the School Committee at the time of our Yearly Meeting at Newport, and also at the School at the time of the examination in the tenth month at the close of the summer term. Both Committees should freely communicate with each other, and thereby endeavor to promote the guarded, religious education of the youth of our Society. The whole to be subject to the control and direction of the Yearly Meeting annually.

“ On behalf of the Committee,

“ ROWLAND GREENE,
“ SOPHRONIA PAGE.

“ Newport, 6th mo. 18th, 1846.”

—Which was fully considered and united with, and the propositions therein contained adopted by the Meeting ; and the same Friends who presented the report were requested to produce to our

next sitting the names of suitable Friends to constitute the two Committees proposed to be appointed by this Meeting.

The report of the Boarding School Committee for the past year being approved was directed to be recorded and transmitted by the Clerk to our Quarterly and Monthly Meetings.

“ TO THE YEARLY MEETING.

“The Boarding School Committee report, that they have endeavored the past year to discharge the duties entrusted to them by the Yearly Meeting in superintending the concerns of the Institution.

“Religious meetings have been regularly held in the house except during the vacations. The average number of scholars the past year has been eighty-four. The schools have been examined at the close of each term by a committee appointed for the purpose, from whose reports it appears that the evidence afforded of diligence and proficiency on the part of the pupils, and ability and faithfulness on that of the teachers, were satisfactory and encouraging. Instruction continues to be given in the languages when desired on the same conditions as heretofore, to wit, five dollars a term additional charge.

“The Treasurer's and Superintendents' accounts have been examined and settled, by which it appears that the income of the School for the last year has been \$9,534 93, and the expenditures \$11,131 39; leaving a balance in the treasury of \$2,886 74.

“We would propose that the terms for board and tuition be the same as last year, to wit, thirty dollars a term for members of this Yearly Meeting, forty-five dollars for those who are not members, one or both of whose parents are members, and fifty dollars for members of other Yearly Meetings, books and stationary being furnished as at present. We would also propose that each Monthly Meeting have the privilege of sending one scholar a term free of expense, as last year, and that they occupy this privilege either in the winter term or in the summer term next succeeding; and the Monthly Meetings are desired, should they deem it best not to send a scholar till the summer term, to inform the Acting Committee at its meeting in the tenth month.

“Our friends Olney and Lydia Thompson are engaged as Superintendents, and Charles Atherton, Samuel Austin, and Edward Hoag as teachers in the boys' school, and Mary Atherton and Gertrude Whittier in the girls'. David C. Chace was employed during the winter term as an assistant in the boys' department, and Elizabeth Prosser during the year in the girls'. William Nicholson was also employed as a teacher in the boys' school during the summer term of the past year.

“Since our last report, the Committee have made several valuable additions to the philosophical apparatus belonging to the Institution.

“Although the number of scholars has been somewhat larger during the past than the preceding year, yet the Committee regret that no more of the children of Friends enjoy the advantages which the Institution affords for a thorough school education, free in good measure from the corrupting influences of the world. The improved condition of schools, both public and private, within the limits of New England, may seem to have diminished the necessity of placing our children in the Boarding School; but we believe that most of these schools will be found to exercise an influence adverse to the simplicity and purity of our Christian profession, and many of them to expose the susceptible minds of our youth to those corrupting associations from which it has ever been the concern of Friends carefully to guard them. The religious concern for the guarded education of our children, which the principal donors to the school fund uniformly manifested, we hope will be steadily borne in mind by all those upon whom devolve the parental care and guardianship of the young; that the substantial advantages so liberally placed within their reach may be reaped to greater extent in time to come.

“Signed by direction and on behalf of the School Committee,

“ JONATHAN L. SLOCUM, Clerk.

“ *Boarding School, 5th mo. 8th, 1846.*”

The Committee to whom it was referred to produce to this Meeting the names of suitable Friends to constitute a School Committee, propose the following, to wit:

“Perez Peck, Samuel Boyd Tobey, John Meader, Samuel Taylor, Jr., John Osborne, Joseph Metcalf, Samuel Boyce, John D. Lang, William A. Robinson, Stephen A. Chace, David Buffum, Rowland Greene.

“Elizabeth Meader, Eliza B. Boyce, Sarah F. Tobey, Lydia Congdon, Sophronia Page, Susan Howland, Joanna Peck, Eunice Metcalf, Ann Elmira Lang, Eliza A. Osborne, Mary Shove, Mary B. Allen.”

—Which being satisfactory, they are appointed a Committee to act on our behalf in the care and superintendence of the Boarding School, agreeably to a proposal adopted by this Meeting yesterday; and they are requested to render such personal attention at the Institution as they may be able to do, giving such advice and directions in the various concerns thereof as they may deem calculated to promote its interests in accordance with the original concern of this Meeting in establishing a school for the guarded, religious education of the youth of our Society, and report to this Meeting next year.

The following Friends (being two of each sex from each Monthly Meeting) are proposed to constitute a Committee on Education, to wit:—

“*Rhode Island Quarter*—Moses H. Beede, Jethro F. Mitchell, Timothy C. Collins, Benjamin Greene, Jervis Shove, Thomas S. Gifford, Gilbert Congdon, James Dennis.

“Elizabeth Wing, Mary Williams, Laura L. Chase, Sarah Slade, Elizabeth Peckham, Free-love Greene, Mary W. Smith, Anna T. Dennis.

“*Salem*—William H. Chase, Nathan Breed of Lynn, Moses Huntington, Jr., Newell Ordway, Herrod Chase, Joshua Page.

“Elizabeth H. Chase, Mary E. Breed, Elizabeth Gove, Susan L. Brown, Alice Page, Anna Johnson.

“*Sandwich*—George Howland, Jr., Charles R. Tucker, Newell Hoxie, Ebenezer Wing, William Mitchell, Abraham R. Wing, George Almy, George W. Francis, John Macomber, Adna Davis, Calvin Shepherd, Moses F. Rogers.

“Sarah Anthony, Dorcas F. Tucker, Rebecca C. Hoxie, Mercy H. Wing, Sarah Barnard, Lydia Mitchell, Mary Gifford, Phebe R. Gifford, Barbary Gifford, Rebecca Church, Sarah J. Brown, Mary Shepherd.

“*Falmouth*—Abraham Winslow, Joseph Cartland, Nathan Pope, Lemuel Jones of Windham, Caleb Jones, Henry M. Minot, Nathan Douglas, Lemuel Jones of Brunswick.

“Mary Bracket, Susan P. Cartland, Lydia Allen, Sarah W. Pope, Lydia H. Jones, Jane C. Minot, Eunice J. Rich, Maria B. Jones.

“*Smithfield*—Arnold Aldrich 2d, Thomas Grover, Edward Earle, Paul Wing, John E. Frye, David Badcock.

“Catharine Comstock, Abigail Inman, Ann B. Earle, Elizabeth Southwick, Rachel F. Holder, Sarah C. Frye.

“*Vassalboro'*—Moses Taber, Thomas B. Nichols, Eli Jones, Lot Jones, Joseph Taber, Asa Jones.

“Lydia P. Frye, Theodate S. Pope, Mary Cook, Mary R. Jones, Deborah B. Warren, Jane H. Jones.

“*Dover*—Benjamin Frye, Stephen Beede, Walter Sawyer, Benjamin H. Jones, Benajah Buffum, Peter M. Neal.

“Abigail Beede, Sarah Hoag, Abigail M. Hanson, Hannah G. Sawyer, Hannah Morrill, Lydia C. Neal.

“*Fairfield*—Joseph Taylor, George Richardson, Alden Sampson, Jacob Pope, Daniel R. Bailey, David Douglas.

“Olive Wing, Lydia Taylor, Sarah T. Sampson, Lucy J. Hawkes, Phebe Bailey, Chloe Douglas.”

—Who are satisfactory to this Meeting, and they are appointed to attend to the general service of promoting the guarded education of our youth, particularly as indicated in the minute made yesterday, proposing such an appointment, and they are requested to report to this Meeting next year. The Clerk is directed to make the necessary extracts from our minutes on these subjects, and forward them, together with the names of the Committees now appointed, to our subordinate Meetings.

Signed by direction of the Yearly Meeting,

SAMUEL BOYD TOBEY, *Clerk.*

HANNAH GOULD, JR., *Clerk.*

NOTE.—Wingate Frost, Limmington, Maine, is appointed correspondent of Limmington Monthly Meeting.

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Surround us - and very fervent are our desires that, abiding in lowliness of mind, we may sit as at the feet of the blessed Saviour, waiting to hear the gracious words that proceed out of his mouth.

In the solemn and important engagement of investigating the state of society as presented to us at this time, we have been, we trust, exercised before the Lord, and have witnessed his Spirit to be near us, under the influence of which his servants have been qualified to impart pertinent counsel and exhortation which we desire may be productive of good. Under this engagement, parents were earnestly entreated to be faithful in the duty of attending all our religious meetings to offer unto our Heavenly Father the reasonable service of worship and praise, under a sense of our dependence upon Him; and they were impressively exhorted to take their tender offspring with them; that as it pleaseth the Lord often to visit the minds of children in very early life, a lasting blessing might be received by them from this religious care of their parents. We were tenderly and impressively warned to guard against pernicious reading, in the various forms in which it abounds at the present day; not only of that reading which is of a light and frivolous character of a general nature, but also of that to which of late time we have been peculiarly exposed, and which is calculated to lessen our attachment to the Truth, and to prejudice our minds in relation to those who feel bound, under much suffering faithfully to support it, and the precious testimonies and order of our religious society.

A living concern was felt that Friends might promote in their families the diligent reading of the Holy Scriptures with hearts turned unto Him who in the riches of his mercy was pleased to inspire his servants of old to write them, and who has preserved them for our instruction in righteousness unto the present day, and who condescends to open and apply their precious contents to the humble seeking mind. We were feelingly cited to our ~~religious~~ ^{individual} experience, when, in the day of our espousals, we were visited by the Spirit of the Lord, and in tenderness before him we entered into to holy covenant to serve Him, and were

114 earnestly entreated to yield unreservedly to the requirements of Truth, that He who had begun a good work in our hearts may carry it on untill the day of Jesus Christ.

The young were affectionately encouraged to look confidently unto the Lord for preservation and for strength, that in the end they may wear a crown of life.

And, dear young Friends, wherever situated, under the feelings of constraining love, you are now brought very near to us, and we are drawn fervently to exhort you to beware of the whisperings of our subtle foe, who would lead you to believe it may be allowable for you for the present to turn aside from the safe and narrow way to which in after time you can readily return, or who would insinuate that the self-denying path is too limited for you in the strength of your youth to walk in. He that thus speaks to you is a deceiver. The longer you deviate from this path the more difficult will be your return—the harder the struggles through which you will have to pass if, happily, you are ever restored to the safe enclosure. Submit now in the morning of your days, we entreat you, to the circumscribing power of Truth. An early sacrifice is acceptable unto the Lord; and you will rejoice, as you yield to the requirements of duty, that the yoke of Christ is easy and his burdens light—that the ways of wisdom are pleasantness and all her paths are peace.

Finally, dear Friends, of every age, may we be humbled under a sense of the goodness of our Heavenly Father—may we rejoice with trembling in contemplating the provisions of his mercy in Christ Jesus our Saviour. May we submit ourselves in simplicity unto the guidance of the Holy Spirit, the Comforter, the gift of the Father and the Son, and walking in the meekness of wisdom before men, show forth in all our lives and conversation that we are the humble followers of a meek and crucified Saviour.

Signed on behalf and by direction of the Yearly Meeting.
Samuel Bayard Tobey, Clerk.
Hannah Gould Jen Clark.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting held at
Somerset 11th mo 5th 1846

By the accounts received from our Mo Meeting, the
representatives are for Rhode Island Abraham Barker
Josiah Chan and Jacob Chan. &c.

Greenwich W^m Reynolds, W^m S Perry and
Thomas Anthony. &c.

Swansey Abner Slade, Joseph Estes, and
Annis A Lincoln. &c.

Providence W^m A Robinson Samuel Boyd
Tobey and Thomas Harkness, who are present
except one. &c.

The queries have read in this meeting with
the usual answers from each of our Monthly
Meetings. &c.

The committee to examine and settle the ac-
counts of the Treasurer and for other purposes, reported
as follows. Viz.

To Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting.

The Treasurer's account has been examined by a part
of the committee appointed for that service, and
seven dollars and ninety two cents found in his
hands. The name of Welcome Congdon is proposed
for Treasurer, and the sum of nine hundred and twenty
five dollars to be raised for the use of the meeting
the ensuing year.

Providence 11th mo 4th 1846 William A Robinson
for the Committee.

Which is accepted and Welcome Congdon appointed
Treasurer for the year ensuing, and the several Mo
Meetings are requested to forward to him their res-
pective proportions of the sum mentioned of which
the Clerk is requested to inform them. &c.

The committee on the subject of establishing South
Kingstown Mo Meeting not being prepared to report
at this time, they are continued and desired to report
at our next ~~Monthly~~ ^{Quarterly} Meeting. &c.

The London General Epistle for 1845 was read at
this time, and the salutary counsel therein contained
is acceptable to us. &c.

116 At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting held at
Providence 2nd mo 4th 1847.

By Accounts rec^d from our Mo Meetings, the representatives to this meeting are for Rhode Island Jethro F. Mitchell Moses H. Bedee & John Heddy Greenwich Beriah Collins W^m Reynolds and W^m S. Perry. Swansey. David Thove Ober Chase and Joseph C. Anthony. Providence. Joseph M. Half Thos Harkness and Charles A. Thornton who are present.

The representatives having proposed ~~Perce~~ Peck David Buffum for Clerk and Perce Peck for assistant, and it being approved by the meeting they are appointed for the year ensuing.

The queries have been read in this meeting with answers to the required number from each of the Mo Meetings.

Rhode Island Mo Meeting informs of having directed the payment of their proportion of stock to the Treasurer of this Meeting.

Our beloved friend Martha Hodge, attended this meeting with a minute of concurrence from China Mo Meeting of 1st mo 19th her company and religious services have been acceptable to us.

Our friend John Meader returned at this time the certificate granted him in the 8th mo last to attend Baltimore and North Carolina Yearly Meetings, with the information that he had been favored to perform the visit to the peace of his own mind, and produced a minute from each Y Meeting stating that he acceptably attended them, which is satisfactory to us.

We have at this time the acceptable company of a number of friends from different parts of the Yearly Meeting, without minutes, and the services of some of these have been comforting to us.

The committee on the subject of establishing South Hingham Mo Meeting, report having paid some further attention thereto but are not prepared to make a final report, they are continued and desired to report to our next meeting.

A number of the printed London General Epistle for 1846 were rec^d at this time and mostly distributed among the Ano Meetings, and the reading of one in this meeting is deferred to the 5th mo next.

This meeting is informed that the women's Quarterly Meeting has united with Greenwich Mo Meeting in the appointment of Catharine C Earle to the station of an elder, and this meeting also unites with them therein.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting held at
East Greenwich 5th and 6th 1847

By Accounts from the Ano Meetings we find that the following Friends are named as representatives to this Meeting viz. For Rhode Island Jethro F Mitchell Isaac Hathaway and David Buffum Greenwich Timothy C Collins, Benjamin Sprun and Daniel Anthony. Swansey Ellis Gifford Abner Slade and David Shove. Providence. Thos Harkness, Jos Mectalf, and Jonathan L Hlocum. who are present.

The queries have been read in this meeting, with answers thereto from the several Mo Meetings and a summary having been prepared at this time therefrom, and read in this meeting, together with an Account to the Yearly Meeting, they are directed to be taken thereto by our friends Rowland Greene John Meader Thomas Anthony Edmund Chan Moses H Beede and David Buffum, whom we appoint as our representatives.

Our Treasurer is directed to pay to the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting, the amount called for by minute of that meeting of 6th mo last.

We have at this time united with Rhode Island Mo Meeting in the appointment of Jethro F Mitchell to the station of an elder, the women's meeting concurring herein.

Greenwich, Swansey, and Providence Mo Meetings inform of having paid their pro

118 portion of stock to our Treasurer.

The committee on the establishing South Hingston Mo Meeting reported as follows
Viz. To the Quarterly Meeting.

The committee upon the proposition to establish a Mo Mng composed of South Hingston and Hephkinton preparative Meetings Report. That they have conferred together several times upon the subject, and a portion of ~~their~~^{their} number have attended those preparative meetings, and conferred with most of the members, and we are upon mature deliberation united in the belief, that it may be best to establish said Mo Mng.

Which is submitted to the Quarterly Meeting for its disposal.

On behalf of the committee

David Buffum

East Greenwich 5th mo 6th 1843 Dorcas Paine.

Which is accepted, and the Mo Meeting to be opened on the 2nd day before the last 5th day in the 7th mo at Tower Hill at the 11th hour, and Thomas Anthony John Maier, David Shore Perer ^{Pick} Rowland Green and Joseph Metcalf are appointed to attend the opening of said meeting and report to this meeting, and the Clk is desired to furnish Greenwich Mo Mng with a copy of this minute.

Our friend Elizabeth Wing returned at this time the certificate granted her to attend Baltimore Yearly Meeting, and informed that she accomplished the service to the peace of her own mind and produced a minute of the Y Mng stating that she acceptably attended it, which is satisfactory to us.

To the yearly Meeting

Dear Friends

The minutes were read in this meeting and were

by answers thereto from each of our monthly meetings and a summary has been compiled therefrom; which we herewith forward by our friends Rowland Green John Meader Thomas Anthony Edmund Chase Moses H B Reed and David Buffum whom we appoint our representatives.

We have united with Swaney Mo Meeting in approving the public appearances in the ministry of Jacob H Vining, with Greenwich Mo Mo in the appointment of Catherine C Earle, and with Rhode Island Mo Meeting in that of Jethro F Mitchell to the Station of elders.

We received your acceptable epistle of last year and other minutes which have been attended to.

We have directed our Treasurer to pay to yours the amount called for by minutes of last year.

From R. Island Quarterly Meeting held at East Greenwich 5th mo 6th 1847.

David Buffum Clerk

Ansⁿ 1st All our meetings for religious worship and discipline have been attended except one small meeting three times, omitted on account of sickness and inclement weather, and generally by most of our members, the hour mostly observed, clear of unbecoming behaviour, a few instances of sleeping excepted, some care taken.

2nd Love and unity generally maintained detraction mostly guarded against, when differences arise endeavours are used to end them.

3rd Friends generally manifest a care to bring to bring up their under their direction in plainness though more care on the part of a few we believe is necessary, generally careful as to pernicious reading and corrupt conversation, and pretty good examples themselves, The Holy Scriptures are frequently read in most friends families.

4th Friends are careful to confine the use of spirituous liquors to medicinal purposes. The unnecessary frequenting of taverns and places of public resort avoided, except in one two instances, moderation and temperance observed in the cases referred to.

5th The circumstances of the poor are attended to and their necessities relieved, their children receive the necessary instruction to prepare them for business, care is manifest in regard to placing out.

6th Parents and heads of families with the young and unmarried are generally careful in these respects.

7th Clear as to the several parts of this query except in one instance of an individual attending meetings of other denominations some care taken.

8th Friends manifest a care to inspect their affairs and settle their accounts, to be punctual to their promises, and just in the payment of their debts, and careful to live within the bounds of their circumstances.

9th Marriages all recorded. Births deaths and burials mostly, a few removals without certificates under notice.

10th Friends manifest a care to deal with offenders agreeable to the query and to plan judgement according to discipline.

At R Island Quarterly Meeting held at
Portsmouth 2th mo 5th 1847.

By accounts from our Mo. Meetings the following friends are appointed representatives to this meeting. Viz For Rhode Island Jethro F. Mitchell Josiah Chase and Jacob Chase, Greenwich Rowland Greene Jonathan Freeborn and Perce Peck Swaney Robinson Buffinton W^m Chase and Oliver Earle, Providence Samuel Boyd Tobey Davis Metcalf and James Dennis, South Kingstown Timothy E. Collins and W^m S. Perry who are present.

The queries have been read in this meeting with answers to the requisite number from each of our Mo. Meetings.

Our beloved friend friend Lindley M. Hoag at

tended this meeting with a minute of concurrence from Sandwich New Hampshire Mo Meeting of 7th mo 15th 1847 his company and religious services have been acceptable.

The joint committee to attend the opening of South Kingstown Mo Meeting made the following report viz. To the Quarterly Meeting.

The joint-committee of men and women friends appointed to attend the opening of South Kingstown Mo Meeting. Report, that several of their number attended at Tower Hill at the time appointed with copies of your minutes in relation to that meeting and that the Mo Meeting was established accordingly to our satisfaction, the times and places proposed for the future holding of that ^{mo} Meeting was considered and will be forwarded in their account to the Quarterly Meeting. — Providence 7th mo 30th 1847

On behalf of the committee

Perez Peck

Elizabeth Meader

Which is accepted and is satisfactory to us, and the times and places of holding said meeting as proposed in their account are approved and established accordingly as follows viz that it be held the 2th 9th 10th & 11th at Hopkinton, the 12th 1st 2nd & 3rd at Western and the 4th 5th 6th and 7th at Tower Hill on the 2nd day before the last 5th day in each month respectively, and the Clerk is desired to furnish that meeting with a copy of this minute. —

W^m F Perry is appointed to act as correspondent for South Kingstown Mo Meeting until the next yearly meeting. —

The representatives to the Yearly Meeting reported that they attended.

Our beloved friend Moses H Beebe opened to this meeting a concern to attend Ohio Yearly Meeting of Friends which was very fully united with, and he being a minister in unity is left at liberty to pursue his prospect as Truth may open the way, and the Clerk is desired to furnish him with a copy of this

minute and David Buffum Thomas Harkness and Perier Peck are appointed to render any assistance to to our friend that may be necessary for the accomplishment of the service.

The following minute from the Yearly Meeting was read viz. At our Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England held on Rhode Island in the sixth month 1847.

It was concluded to raise Two thousand dollars for the service of this meeting for the ensuing year which our several Quarterly Meetings were requested to forward to David Buffum our Treasurer.

Rhode Island Quarterly Meetings proportion is four hundred and sixty dollars (23 percent).

From the minutes of the yearly meeting
Samuel Boyd Tobey Clerk

and we appoint Thomas Harkness Samuel Boyd Tobey and W^m A Robinson to examine and settle the Treasurers Accounts and consider whether any addition need be raised for the use of this meeting and propose the name of a friend to serve as Treasurer for the year ensuing and report to a future meeting.

A number of the Boarding School committees report and other extracts from the minutes of our last Yearly Meeting were read at this time and have been read except the article of discipline on marriage which is directed to be placed in the books of discipline in the hands of the Clerks of this and our subordinate meetings.

A number of the printed minutes of our last yearly Meeting, perhaps sufficient for the supply of each family, have been furnished to the meetings.

At our Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England held on Rhode Island in the sixth month 1847

The Clerk was directed to forward the following extract from our minutes to our Quarterly and Monthly Meetings viz.

The Committee to superintend our Boarding School at Providence, presented the following report, which was approved by this Meeting and directed to be forwarded to our Quarterly and Monthly Meetings viz.

To the Yearly Meeting:

The Committee appointed to have the superintendence of the Boarding School at Providence, report, that they have during the past year given attention to their appointment, and are encouraged to believe that the Institution continues to be useful.

The average number of scholars has been eighty five, viz forty two males and forty three females.

Our friends Eliza and Lydia Thompson, have acceptably served as Superintendents during the year ending with the last winter term; Charles Atherton, Samuel Austin, and Edward G. Hoag, have been engaged as teachers in the boys school, and Mary Atherton and Gertrude E. Whittier as teachers in that of the girls for the same time.

Elizabeth Prosser has also been engaged as assistant teacher in the girls school during the winter term.

The Superintendents having expressed their desire to be released at the end of the last winter term, and the Committee believing that usefulness would arise from an arrangement which would unite with the general care and oversight of the Institution as Superintendents, that of taking the general government and direction of the schools, and imparting literary instruction therein, to such extent as may be consistent with the other duties of Superintendents, we have engaged our friends Elias and Sarah M. Cornell of Rochester, New York, to come into the Institution in that capacity, and assume those duties. Charles Atherton, Edward G. Hoag, and Richard Daine, are engaged as assistant teachers in the boys school (the latter giving instruction in the languages) and Gertrude E. Whittier and Sarah Alice Cornell, as assistant teachers in the girls school for a part or the whole of the present year. As our friends Elias and Sarah M. Cornell could not consistently with their previous engagements, commence their connection with the Institution until the present time, the former Superintendents

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Kindly consented to remain, temporarily, after their previous engagement expired - and the former arrangements in the school have mostly been continued since the commencement of the present term.

The change of Superintendents and the arrangements with respect to the principal charge of the school is now about to take place; and the vicissitudes who have for several years occupied the station of Superintendents being about to leave, seems a fitting occasion to express for their encouragement, the satisfaction of the Committee with their labors. These labors were increased during the latter part of the last year, by more than ordinary indisposition among the scholars. Meetings for worship have been regularly held in the house, except during the vacations and harmony has prevailed. On the days of Providence preparative meeting, the meetings at the school have been omitted, in accordance with the consent of the Yearly Meeting last year.

Examinations of the schools by the Committee, at the close of each term, have been made, as has heretofore been practiced, and the deportment and proficiency of the scholars have been generally satisfactory, evincing a good degree of aptitude and diligence on the part of the pupils, and faithfulness on the part of the teachers.

The accounts of the Treasurer and Superintendent have been examined and settled. By these accounts it appears, that the income of the school for the year ending with the last winter term, has been \$10,836.07 and the expenditures \$12,136.54; the expenditures having exceeded the receipts by the sum of \$1300.47.

Seven hundred dollars of this excess, arises from the payment within the year of a demand against the Institution of several years standing.

The amount of expenditures exceeding the income has been supplied from the balance on hand at the commencement of the year; and being deducted therefrom, leaves a balance on hand at the close of the last

Term, of \$1258,05. We would propose that the price of board and tuition be continued the same as last viz: Thirty dollars per term for members of our yearly meeting, forty five dollars for those who are not members, one or both of whose parents are members, and fifty dollars for those of other yearly meetings, payable in advance - books and stationery being furnished as at present.

We would also propose, that each Monthly Meeting have the privilege of sending one scholar free of expense for one term, the same to be occupied, either at the next winter or succeeding summer term, at the discretion of the Monthly Meeting - the several Monthly Meetings to notify the Committee at their meeting in the 10th month, of their conclusion, in case they propose to occupy the privilege in the summer term.

The Committee feel it right to express their belief, that there are advantages to be derived to the youth of our society at the school, which should serve as an encouragement to Friends to place their children there, that they may acquire a guarded religious education, free from many of the temptations to which they are necessarily exposed in more mixed schools, especially those over which Friends have little or no control.

And we earnestly press upon Friends the importance to the Society of a continued individual interest in the welfare of the Institution, in whose endowment and management such lively concern has been manifested by valuable Friends who are now gathered to their rest.

Signed on behalf and by direction of the Committee,
Stephen A Chan Clerk.

Providence 6th mo 1st 1847

That day morning the 15th Friends convened pursuant to adjournment. The representatives being called, were all present.

The Meeting entered upon the investigation of the state of Society by reading the Queries and Answers to them received at this time from our several Quarterly Meetings, and proceeded therein as far as the 4th inclusive.

During this important-engagement we were sensibly solemnized in feeling together, and under the baptizing influence of Divine love, much pertinent counsel and advice were given by concerned. We were impressively reminded of the paramount duty of meeting together for the worship of our Father in heaven, not only on first day of the week, but on other days when a greater sacrifice may seem to be required.

We were admonished to remember the source from whence flowed all our blessings; that it is from God alone that we derive all that we are permitted to enjoy, whether spiritual or temporal; that it is in Him we live, and move, and have our being. We were exhorted to hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering, being concerned to provoke one another to love and good works, and not neglect the assembling of ourselves together. Much sympathy was manifested for Friends in lonely situations, where their meetings are very small; but they were earnestly exhorted to faithfulness in the attendance of them—that although they may be frequently held in silence, yet, as we are engaged to wait upon the Lord, they often prove seasons of refreshment. Concerned Friends were encouraged to labour faithfully with those who may be remiss in the discharge of their and other christian duties, although it may be under a sense of much weakness; that, while they may feel their own unworthiness, they fail not to do what is required at their hands by the Head of the Church, by sinking below he has conferred upon them. Friends were encouraged to leave their worldly, to close their places of business if needful, in order for the due attendance of our week-day meetings, under an awful that He, unto whom worship is due, may even curse our blessings. We were very impressively exhorted to watch the door of our lips, that we sin not with our tongues; that under a sense of our own faults, we cultivate charity towards others, and scrupulously avoid indulging in a spirit of detraction,

which tends to our own poverty and the injury of our fellow men. We were reminded that, as God is love, and as his love has been so abundantly manifested to us, in that He gave his well beloved Son for us, that it is indeed incumbent upon us to love one another, and to do good one unto another; and that they who have known this love shed abroad in their hearts, cannot fail to feel it flow unto others, producing a spirit of forgiveness towards those who have trespassed against us. The injunction of our Lord, of universal application, "Whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them," was very feelingly held up to view as the rule that should at all times govern us in our intercourse with our fellow men. The right training of our children was pertinently dwelt upon, and its necessity enforced as essential to their good, and to the discharge of the responsibility resting upon parents towards whom our Heavenly Father has entrusted to our care. We were reminded that, by indulging in a mistaken tenderness, we were inflicting a serious injury upon our offspring; but that as we were engaged to exercise parental authority in love, it would prove a discipline to our children, by which they might incited more carefully to heed the requirements of their Heavenly Parent; and habits of obedience be established which would be preserving in their future course of life.

Finally, both parents and children were affectionately entreated to observe their respective relative duties, that they they might witness the dew of Heaven to rest upon them.

Adjourned to the fourth hour this afternoon.

Afternoon. Friends again assembled.

The meeting proceeded in the consideration of the state of Society, by reading the remaining answers to the queries. While thus engaged, we thankfully acknowledge that a precious, solemn covering was felt to be mercifully extended over us. A living concern was manifested for the preservation of our members from the reading of pernicious books, which are at this day so abundant in the world; and for their encouragement in the frequent reverent perusal of the Holy Scriptures, in accordance

with the continued concern of this Society since its first rise, and which was so eminently exhibited, practically, by our forefathers in the truth.

We were affectionately reminded that they who are most carefully engaged to follow the direct and immediate leading of the Spirit of Truth, most highly reverence and value their sacred writings, which were given forth by the same Spirit, and which have been so marvelously preserved, pure and unimpaired, to the present day, and which are able to make wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. Parents were affectionately encouraged often to assemble their families, for the purpose of reading a portion of the Holy Scriptures, and in silent-introspection of mind, and with prayerful hearts meditating thereon, that their precious contents may be opened to our understandings, and blessed to us.

We were entreated not be taken in that snare of the enemy which is laid for us, by inducing us to neglect this practice from a fear of being found in a lifeless formality in its maintenance; but that while we should guard, with godly jealousy, against this error on the one hand, we were impressively reminded that we might err on the other hand, and neglect the observance of those necessary practices which are essential to our Christian advancement, and which in the ordering of Him who knows our necessities, and who has so abundantly provided for them.

A proposition from Fairfield Quarterly Meeting, relative to the expenses incurred by the Yearly Meeting, being brought into consideration, the subject is referred to the representatives from the several Quarterly Meetings who are requested to report to a future sitting.

At a subsequent sitting, the representatives made the following report, which was satisfactory to the Meeting viz.

The representatives to whom was referred the proposition from Fairfield Quarterly Meeting in relation

to the expenses of the Yearly Meeting, have conferred together in session, and have come to the conclusion to propose to the Yearly Meeting the adoption of the following Minute - the provisions of which are the same as those of the minute made by the Meeting for Sufferings in the year 1830 - and with only a slight alteration in the language to render its meaning more explicit, viz. Such Friends as are of ability, who attend the Yearly Meeting, should bear their own expenses - but those who may not consider themselves able to do so, who reside north of a line from Boston, running west to the Connecticut River, be at liberty to avail themselves of such provision as may be made by this Meeting; and that - Friends of the Island of Nantucket, and the representatives from all the Quaker Meetings shall be included in the provision made north of the line above mentioned in the same circumstances. On behalf of the Representatives.

Stephen A Chase.

Sixth mo 16th 1847.

Among the exercises, which have been with us during our deliberations at this time, has been a concern for the consistent and upright maintenance by all our members of our testimony to the unchristian nature of all wars and fightings - a testimony in accordance with the belief and practice of the primitive followers of Christ. We are liable at this time to some peculiar temptations on this account. Our country is involved in war with a neighboring nation, and armies are contending in the field; and the testimony of the Scripture, that "every battle of the warrior is with confused noise and garments rolled in blood," is brought home to us by frequent intelligence from the scene of strife. We earnestly desire that all our dear friends may be mercifully preserved in a Christian frame of mind under these trying circumstances.

To the humble follower of Him whose Kingdom is not of this world, but who, as a stranger and pilgrim here is journeying toward another country, that is, a heavenly - how do the destruction and horror of the field of battle, or the city made desolate by an encompassing foe, the tears of the widow and the cries of the orphan, fill

130 his mind with sorrow! He can have no sentiment allied to rejoicing at scenes like these. His soul must be clothed with mourning and his spirit with lamentation, and his prayer will be, that that day may be hastened when the nations shall learn no more.

Our dear friends are affectionately entreated to be careful how they expose themselves unnecessarily to temptations calculated to lead the mind into a right frame of thought on these subjects; or by mingling with those who take delight in such strife, become in any measure leavened into their spirit; that in all our intercourse with the world, we may manifest ourselves to be followers of Him whose advent was announced by the song of the heavenly host, of peace on earth and good will to men.

In contemplating the present war in which our country is engaged, its exceeding wickedness has been forcibly presented to us, not only in its direct consequences as a war, but in the principal object, which, as we believe, produced it, namely, the perpetuation and extension of slavery. We have been concerned that our members may keep ever before them the miseries and sinfulness inseparable from the practice of holding our fellow men in bondage, and its utter inconsistency with the command of Christ, "Whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them;" and that we fail not, faithfully, in the fear of the Lord, to bear our testimony against it, not feeling excused therefrom in consequence of its practical enactment not coming immediately before our view in this part of the land.

Samuel Boyce Tobey,
Clerk to this meeting this year.

Note. Benajah Buffum is appointed correspondent for Berwick Monthly Meeting, in place of John D. Lang, removed from within the limits of that Meeting.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting held at Somerset 11th mo 4th 1847

By Accounts received from our Mo Meetings we find the following friends named as representatives to this meeting viz For Rhode Island Stephen Chan Jonathan Dennis 2nd and Jacob Mott, for Greenwich Peter Peck Thomas Anthony and Marinas Parker, Swansey Richard Mitchell Jacob H Vining Simpson Buffinton and David Shore, Providence, Samuel Boyce Tobey, Turner Harkell and John Meader, South Kingstown, Timothy C Collins, Peter H Collins and William S Perry who are present one.

The queries have been read in this meeting with answers to the usual number from each of our Monthly Meetings.

The committee to settle the Treasurers accounts and for other services reported as follows. viz.

To Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting.

We have examined the Treasurers Account and find in his hands ninety one $\frac{39}{100}$ dollars, we think five hundred dollars a sensible sum to be raised and would propose the name of Welcome Congdon for Treasurer.

Wm A Robinson

11th mo 2nd 1847 for the Committee.

Which is accepted and our several Monthly Meetings are requested to forward their respective proportions of that sum proposed to Welcome Congdon whom we reappoint as our Treasurer for the year ensuing.

The representatives that may be appointed to attend our next Quarterly Meeting, are requested to meet at Providence on 4th day evening at 6 O'clock to consider the apportionment of stock among the Monthly Meetings and to report to the Quarterly Meeting.

Greenwich Mo Meeting having applied to this meeting for liberty to sell to sell the Meeting house and a part of the lot at Foster, after a consideration of the subject, that meeting is left at liberty to act as may seem best in the case.

A number of the London printed General Christ for 1847 were received and forwarded to the Mo Meetings, and the reading of one is deferred to our next Meeting.

Our friend Moses H Beebe returned at this time the certificate granted him in the 8th Mo last, to attend Ohio Yearly Meeting, and gave this meeting an interesting account of his visit to that Meeting, which is acceptable to us.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting held at Providence 2nd Mo 3rd 1848

By Accounts from our Monthly Meetings the following named friends are reported as representatives to this Meeting viz for R Island Moses H Beebe Jacob Chase Isaac Hathaway and Stephen Chase, Greenwich Beriah Collins Wm Reynolds and Perce Peck, Swanry Thomas S Gifford Abner Slade and Jervis Shaw Providence Joseph McKay Thomas Harkness and Lydon C Smith, South Kingstown Timothy C Collins, Isaac Collins and Wm S Perry, who are present except two for the absence of one of whom a satisfactory reason was rendered.

The representatives having reported the name of Lard Buffum for Clerk and Perce Peck for assistant for the year ensuing and the meeting approving they are appointed accordingly.

The queries have been read in this meeting with answers to the usual number from our Mo Meetings.

The representatives to whom the subject of a new apportionment of stock among the several Mo Meetings, was referred, reported the following viz R Island 28 percent Greenwich 10 Swanry 12 Providence 48 and South Kingstown 2, which is accepted by the meeting, and the Mo Meetings are desired to forward their proportions of the \$500 called for last Quarter in accordance therewith to McCombe Congdon our Treasurer.

South Kingstown the meeting having proposed to sell the meeting house at Richmond and a part of the lot provided the title will admit, and it shall appear best, which being considered, they ^{are} at liberty to sell the house, and the sale of a part of the lot is referred for further consideration.

Greenwich the meeting having appointed Anna Howland to the station of an elder and the women's Quarterly meeting having united with them, and it being considered in this, we concur with them therein.

The London printed General Epistle for 1817 was read at this time and is acceptable to us.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting held at
East Greenwich 5th mo 5th 1818.

Accounts being received from the Monthly Meetings the representatives therein named are for R Island Jonathan Dennis, 2nd Jethro F. Mitchell and Josiah Chase Greenwich, W^m Reynolds and Benjamin Greene, Swan^{ry}, Jacob H. Vining. Moser, Buffington and Theophilus Thove, Providence Thomas, Gannett, Gideon C. Smith and Joseph Metcalf South Kingstown Horakiah Babcock and W^m S. Parry who are present except one for whose absence a satisfactory reason was assigned.

The queries have been read in this meeting with answers thereto from each of our Monthly Meetings and a summary having been prepared therefrom and read at this together with an account to the Yearly Meeting we have directed them forwarded to that Meeting by our friends Rowland Green John Meader Oliver Earl Thomas Marknes Moser H. Beede Thomas Anthony Timothy C. Collins David Buffum Perez Peck and Jacob H. Vining whom we appoint our representatives.

We have directed our Treasurer to pay to the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting the amount called for by minute of that meeting of 6th mo last.

All our Monthly Meetings inform of having paid, or direct the payment of, their proportions of Stock to our Treasurer.

Greenwich Monthly Meeting are at liberty to remove this Meeting House to a more suitable place on the lot and what portion of the expense thereof that meeting may feel able and willing to pay they do so and present the account for the balance to our Treasurer for payment, and we appoint Thos Harkness and Joseph Metcalf to advise with and assist that Monthly Meeting in the case.
To the Yearly Meeting.

Dear Friends

The queries have been read in this^{ing} with answers from our Mo Meetings and a summary having been ~~prepared~~ therefrom, we herewith forward it. We received a number of the printed minutes of our last Yearly Meeting, which have been distributed, we also received the report of the Boarding School Committee and other extracts from the minutes of the Yearly Meeting which were read and were acceptable to us.

We have united with the women meeting in approving the appointment of Anna Howland to the station of an elder by Greenwich Monthly Meeting. We have directed our Treasurer to pay to you, the amount^{of stock} called for by your minutes of last year, and have appointed our friends Rowland Green John Meader Oliver Earle Thomas Harkness Moses H Beebe Thomas Anthony Timothy Collins David Buffum Peres Peck and Jacob H Vining our representatives.

From Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting held at
East Greenwich 5th mo 5th 1848

David Buffum Clerk

Answer 1st All our meetings for religious worship and discipline have been attended except one meeting in one instance, although there is a remissness in some of our members in the due attendance thereof, particularly in the middle of the week, the hour is nearly observed, no unbecoming behaviour noticed, a few instances of sleeping excepted.

2nd Love and unity are generally maintained

and detraction mostly guarded against, endeavors have been used to end differences when they ^{have} appeared.

3^d Most friends are careful to bring up those under their care, in plainness of speech, behaviour and apparel, and to restrain them from reading pernicious books, and from the corrupt conversation of the world, mostly good examples themselves, we ~~think~~ the Holy Scriptures are frequently read in friends families.

4th We believe that friends confine the use of spirituous liquors to medicinal purposes, with one exception, some care taken, mostly careful as respects frequenting taverns, and places of public resort, moderation and temperance duly observed in the cases referred to.

5th The circumstances of the poor are attended to, no children but that partake of learning, none placed from among friends.

6th We believe friends are generally careful in these respects.

7th Friends observe the several parts of this query as far as appears.

8th We think friends are careful respecting the several parts of this query, as far as appears, except an instance or two, wherein a neglect to inspect affairs and settle accounts is apparent - some care taken.

9th Some deficiency appears as to records, a few instances of renewals without certificates, some care taken.

10th A good degree of care is taken to deal with offenders as quered, and to place judgement when it hath appeared necessary, according to discipline.

Our beloved friend Anna Almy Jenkins in a weighty manner spread before this meeting a concern that had for a length of time, rested on her mind and latterly with increasing weight to pay a visit in the love of the Gospel to some of the Meetings of Friends in Great Britain, and ^{to attend to} such other ~~some~~ religious engagements in that land, as may be required of her, which being solidly considered, much unity and sympathy was expressed, and she was left at liberty to pursue her prospect as best Wisdom may direct, being a Minister in unity with us.

And the Clerk is directed to sign on our behalf the following endorsement prepared by the women ^{ing} to place on the ^{certificate} from Providence Boro. Cong. having been ^{in and} read and approved by this meeting

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viz. Our beloved Friend Annathony Jenkins feelingly
spread before this meeting a concern which with weight
impressed her mind of visiting in Gospel love should
way open for it; some of the meetings of Friends in Great
Britain, and of attending to such other religious engage-
ments in that land as may be required of her. We
were introduced into much sympathy with our dear
Friend in this weighty prospect of religious service,
and under a solemn covering, mercifully spread
over us, we fully and cordially united with her in
her concern, and liberated her to attend thereto as
Truth may open the way. We feel it right to add our
testimony to that of the Monthly Meeting that she is a
Minister of the Gospel in unity and good esteem with
us, sound in word and doctrine and exemplary in
life and conversation. In thus liberating our
beloved sister for this important service, we reverently
commend her to the guidance and protecting care of
our divine Lord and Master, earnestly craving that
she may, from day to day witness Him to be very
near her, and be qualified and strengthened
through his renewed anointings to discharge her
religious duties among you, and in His own
time be restored to us with the blessing of peace.

Signed on behalf and by direction of Rhode Island
Quarterly Meeting held at East Greenwich 5th mo 4th 1848

David Buffum } Clerks
Sarah F. Tobey }

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting held at
Portsmouth 8th mo 3rd 1848.

Accounts being received from our Mo Meetings
we find the following named friends appointed as
representatives to this meeting viz. from R Island Jon-
athan Dennis 2nd Josiah Chase, and Jonathan Dame.
Greenwich. Perez Peck, and Rowland Greene. Swansey.
Richard Mitchell, Simpson Buffinton, and Jervis
Shove. Providence. John Meader, Joseph Metcalf,
and James Dennis. South Kingstown Timo-
thy Collins, and Abel F Collins, who are present
except one.

The queries have been read in this meeting with an answer to the requisite number from each of our monthly meetings.~

The representatives to the Yearly Meeting reported that they attended.~

Our beloved friend John Scott attended this meeting with a minute of Baltimore Mo Meeting of 3^{mo} 9th 1848 endorsed by one of Baltimore Quarterly Meeting of 3^{mo} 1848, expressive of unity with him and his present religious engagement, his company and religious service have been acceptable to us.~

Our beloved friend Thomas Wells attended this meeting with a minute of concurrence from Miami Mo Meeting held in Ohio of 7th mo 25th 1847 endorsed by Miami Quarterly Meeting held 8th mo 14th 1847 his company and religious service have been acceptable to us.

Our esteemed friend Stephen Dillingham attended this meeting as companion to our friend John Scott with a minute of concurrence from Sandwich Mo Meeting Mass of 5th mo 5th 1848 his company has been acceptable to us.~

The Clerk is directed to furnish the friends now with us from abroad with copies of the minutes made on their account.~

The following minute from the Yearly Meeting was received viz. At our Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England held in the 6th mo 1848.~

It was concluded to raise two thousand dollars for the use of this meeting for the ensuing year, and our Quarterly Meetings were requested to pay their respective proportions of this sum to our Treasurer.~

Rhode Island Quarterly Meetings proportion is four hundred and sixty dollars, (23 per cent).~

From the minutes of the Yearly Meeting

Samuel Boyce Tobey Clerk

And we appoint W^m A Roberson, Thomas Harkness, Jarvis Shore and W^m S Perry to consider whether any addition is necessary to be made for the use of this meeting, to settle the accounts of the Treasurer, and report the name of a friend to serve as Treasurer for the year ensuing.~

138 Our beloved friend Elizabeth Wing spread before this meeting a concern that weightily impressed her mind to attend the Yearly Meeting at Baltimore, to visit some meetings within its limits, to appoint some meetings among friends and others, and to attend to such other religious service as way may open for, the subject claimed our attention and was fully united with by the meeting and she left at liberty to attend thereto as best wisdom may direct, being a Minister in unity with us, and we appoint, Edmund Chase, Rowland Greene, and David Buffum, to render any advice or assistance to our friend in the prosecution of the service that may appear necessary. ~

The Clerk is directed to sign on our behalf an endorsement prepared by the womens meeting for our friend Elizabeth Wing. ~

The following Minutes of the Yearly Meeting with the report of the Boarding School Committee were received and read and are acceptable to us. For

At the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England, held on Rhode Island in the 6th mo 1848. ~

The Committee having charge of our Boarding School, presented the following report, which was interesting and satisfactory to this meeting, and the Clerk was directed to forward copies thereof to our Quarterly and Monthly Meetings. ~

From the Minutes of said Meeting.

Samuel Boyce Tobey Clerk

To the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England.

The Committee for the Superintendence of the Yearly Meeting Boarding School at Providence, have during the past year, attended to the duties of their appointment.

The School has been continued through the year (with the usual vacations) under the charge of Silas and Sarah M. Cornell, as Superintendents and principal Teachers.

During the Summer Term, we had the services of Charles A. Thurston and Edward G. Hoag as assistant Teachers in the male department of the School, and

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Lafayette Burr, a young man connected with Brown University, has, through the year given lessons in the Latin and Greek languages, for five days in the week, to a class in this School. Richard Dame has also assisted in teaching the languages a part of the time. In the Girls school, Gertrude E. Whittier and Sarah Alice Cornell served as Teachers.

During the Winter Term, in the Boys School, the same teachers remained, and the School being large, Lindley M. Moore was engaged as assistant-Teacher in addition.

Martha M. Haines, Sarah Joy Brown, and Sarah Alice Cornell, were assistant-teachers in the Girls School during the same term.

In addition to the Monthly Meetings of the Committee, and intermediate visits by subcommittees regularly appointed at these meetings for that service, semiannual examinations at the close of each term, have been attended by the Committee; that at the close of the summer term being also attended by a member of the Yearly Meeting's Committee on education.

Our several examinations in these various forms have been in general satisfactory. The Friends in the immediate care of the Institution, as Superintendents, teachers, or in the more subordinate stations, have evinced a careful regard for the good of the School, and a concern for the faithful performance of their duties to their interesting charge, which have been satisfactory to the Committee.

Of the Scholars, both male and female, we may say that generally their deportment has been orderly, and their attention to their studies and improvement therein commendable - and we are encouraged to believe that the School has continued to be useful, in promoting the literary advancement of the Scholars - and favorable, under the Divine blessing, to the awakening and strengthening of good resolutions for a consistent course in after life. The average number of Scholars has been one hundred and one, viz.: fifty-five males, and forty-six females. Meetings for worship have been regularly held at the times appointed, and the families has been, &c.

served in much harmony. The accounts of the Superintendent and Treasurer of the School Fund, have been examined and audited. The expenditures of the School for the past year, ending with the last winter term, have been twelve thousand, eight hundred and seventeen dollars and forty three cents. The income has been as follows: Interest from School Fund, six thousand, two hundred and forty six dollars, seventy seven cents; - from Board and Tuition of Scholars, (including \$130.87 for articles sold and \$157.20 due from scholars for the past terms.) five thousand, three hundred and thirty eight dollars and seventy seven cents. Total income, eleven thousand five hundred and eighty five dollars, and fifty four cents leaving a deficiency of income to meet expenditures of nine hundred and thirty one dollars, eighty nine cents.

The available balance in the hands of the Treasurer in the 5th mo last, the time of the examination may be stated at eleven hundred and eleven dollars and forty ~~six~~ cents. Considerable amount of repairs and alterations has been made during the past year, particularly in the warming and cooking apparatus at the School House, and some improvement about the grounds, the expense of which, exceeding sixteen hundred dollars, is included in the expenditures above reported. We would propose, that the terms of Board and Tuition should be continued as last year, viz. Thirty dollars per Term for members of our Yearly Meeting; forty five dollars for those not members, one or both of whose parents are members, and fifty dollars for ~~those not members~~ any other who may be admitted - and that each Monthly Meeting have the privilege of sending one scholar free of expense for one term, the same to be occupied either at the next winter or succeeding summer term, at the discretion of the Monthly Meeting; the several Monthly Meetings to notify the Committee at their meeting in the 10th month of their conclusion, in case they propose to occupy the privilege in the Summer Term.

Among the subjects which have claimed the attention and concern of the Committee has been the

promotion of a conformity to our religious profession, and the
 requisitions of our discipline by the scholars, in plainness of
 dress and address. On this subject, labor and advice have
 been from time to time imparted in the schools. But the
 Committee have a strong belief of the importance of
 the care of parents, and of Monthly Meetings, with the
 children at home on these subjects. Under this belief,
 and in pursuance of what they believed their duty under
 their appointment, they issued, in the 3^d mo last, a com-
 munication addressed to Friends in the several Month-
 ly Meetings, on the subject of plainness of speech, be-
 haviour and apparel - a copy of which is herewith presen-
 ted. During the past year, the health of the inmates of
 the School has been good, although we have to note
 some sickness, particularly a prevalence of colds and
 sore throats in the 3^d mo, which eight or ten of the male
 scholars were more or less affected - and the removal by
 death of two young men, scholars in the school, during
 the year. The first was Thomas W. White, from Elizabeth
 City, Pasquotank county, North Carolina, who died on the
 20th of 11th mo last, aged 21 years; and of whom it was
 reported, that his deportment during all the time of his
 being at the School was orderly and satisfactory, never
 having in word or deed given occasion for reproach or dis-
 satisfaction. The 2^d instance of mortality was Benja-
 min Winslow, of Winthrop, Maine, son of Joseph Win-
 slow. He had been affected to some extent with sore
 throat, which had prevailed in the school, but from
 which he had nearly recovered, when he was seized with
 disease of the bowels, of which he died on the 3^d of 4th mo,
 after a few days illness aged 21 years. We believe it may
 not be without usefulness to say in this report, that the de-
 portment of this young man, during the time he spent
 in the School, was very exemplary - and after his disease
 assumed a character which left him little or no prospect
 of recovery, he was favoured unto the end, with much
 christian composure, and several times remarked, that al-
 though he felt his unworthiness to be great, yet he trusted
 that by the mercy of his Heavenly Father, through our
 Lord and Saviour, he should find forgiveness of his sins
 and be accepted. Death, he said, had no terrors for him.

He manifested much gratitude towards those who had the care of him in his illness, and frequently spoke of his parents, towards whom he also felt very grateful, saying he believed their watchfulness and care over him, had done much towards preparing his mind for the solemn change that awaited him.

Signed ^{on behalf of and} by direction of the School Committee.
Stephen A Chase Clerk.

Providence, 5th mo 30th 1848.

The following information is appended to the New York Epistle viz.

"Correspondents.—John Ducl for Saratoga Mo Mtg, in place of Paul Kirby, released at his request. Address Mechanicville, Saratoga County, N. Y. Ephraim Potter for Granville Mo Mtg in place of Harris Otis, deceased. Address Granville, Washington County, N. Y.

John Bevans for Pelham ~~Post Office~~ Mo Mtg, in place of Joseph King, deceased. Address Pelham Post Office, Niagara District, Canada West, via Lewiston. Paul Southwick, Peru Mo. Mtg. Address Keeseville, Clinton County, N. Y."

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting held at
Somerset 11th mo 2nd 1848.

Accounts being received from our Mo Meetings the representatives to this meeting are for Rhode Island, George Anthony, George Borden, and Stephen Chase, Greenwich, Thomas Anthony Rowland Greene, and William Reynolds Swaney, Simpson Buffinton, Job Chase, and Richard Mitchell, Providence, John Meader Joseph Metcalf and James Dennis. South Kingstown, William S Perry, and Abel F Collins, who are present.

The queries have been read in this meeting with answers to the usual number from each of our Monthly Meetings.

The Committee to settle the Accounts of the

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Treasurer and for other purposes reported as follows viz
To the Quarterly Meeting.

The Committee to settle Treasurer's account &c. Report they have attended to that service, and find a balance in his hands of ninety one dollars and thirteen cents, and are united in proposing the name of Welcome Congdon for Treasurer, and the sum of seven hundred dollars to be raised for the use of the meeting.

Providence 26th 10th mo 1848.

Thomas Harkness

W^m A Robinson

Jervis Shove

Which is accepted and Welcome Congdon appointed as Treasurer for the year ensuing, and our (Mo) Meetings are requested to him their respective proportions of the sum mentioned.

Our beloved friend Anna Macomber attended this meeting with a minute of concurrence of Westport Mo Meeting of 10th mo 19th 1848, her company and religious service have been acceptable to us.

Our beloved friend Abigail M Hanson attended this meeting with a minute of concurrence from Dover Mo Meeting of 8th mo 22nd 1848 her company and religious service have been acceptable to us.

Our esteemed friend Timothy Hanson attended this meeting in company with his wife, with a minute from Dover Mo Meeting of 9th mo 27th 1848. and has been acceptably with us.

Our beloved friend Barbara Gifford attended this meeting as companion to our friend Anna Macomber with a minute of concurrence of Westport Mo Meeting 10th mo 19 1848, her company has been acceptable to us.

Our beloved friend Thomas Wells who was with us at our last meeting and whose certificate was then read being again with us, his company and religious service have been acceptable.

South Scituate Mo Meeting having applied in the 2nd mo last for liberty to sell the meeting house and a part of the lot at Richmond, and the subject

144 Having been considered, they are at liberty to do as may seem best to them in the case.

The Clerk is directed to sign minutes for our women friends who are with us today from abroad if proposed by the women meeting and also to furnish our friend Timothy Hanson with a copy of the minute made on his account.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting held at
Providence 2nd mo 1849.

An account from our Monthly Meetings appears they have appointed the following Friends as representatives to this meeting viz-
for R. Island Stephen Chase Geo Bowen and David Buffum
Greenwich Thos. Anthony Beriah Collins and Mr Reynolds - Savory
Barzillai Buffington Edmund Chase and David Thos. Providence
and Concord John Madu and Caleb H. Paine, South Kingstown Thos S. Perry, who are present except one.

The Representatives having reported the name of Gilbert Congdon for Clerk, and it being approved by the meeting he is appointed for the year ensuing. They also reported the name of Thos S. Gifford for a first assistant Clerk, which being approved by the meeting he is appointed for the year ensuing. Our Friends David Buffum and Sam Peck who have long acceptably served the meeting in their capacities, having ~~expressed their intention~~ declined a reappointment.

Our beloved Friend David Lindley attended this Meeting and produced certificates from Bedford's Monthly Meeting and Fairfield Quarterly Meeting expressing unity with his Ministry and present religious engagements. His company and religious services have been acceptable to us, and the Clerk is directed to sign on our behalf and furnish him with a copy of this minute.

Our esteemed Friend Jos Fairbrother attended this Meeting as companion to our Friend David Lindley, and produced a certificate from Bedford's Monthly Meeting expressing unity with his present engagements - his company has been acceptable to us and the Clerk is directed to sign on our behalf and furnish him with a copy of this minute.

The queries have been read at this time with answers to the 1st 2^d & 10th from each of our Monthly Meetings -

At the 1st Annual Meeting of Friends held at
East Greenwich 5th mo 3 1849

The Representatives named in the accounts from the Monthly Meetings are from Rhode Island for a Dennis Moses H. B. Buck & Stephen Chace, from Greenwich Thomas, Anthony & Rowland Greene, Swansea Edmund Chace, Therophilus Shore 2nd & Barzillia Buffington from Providence John M. Madsen, Charles & H. H. H. & Gilbert Congdon from South Kingstown Timothy C. Collins & John Spencer who are present.

The queries have been read at this time with answers from each of our Monthly Meetings, together with a Summary prepared therefrom by the representatives, which being approved is directed to be recorded, & forwarded for the information of the Yearly Meeting, by our Friends Rowland Greene, John Madsen, Thomas ~~Hart~~ Anthony, Edmund Chace, Moses H. Buck, Timothy C. Collins David Buffum, Joseph Melick Thomas Hurling & Peter Peck, whom we appoint our Representatives.

We are informed by the Clerk of Rhode Island Monthly Meeting, that their Treasurer has been directed to pay ours the sum called for by this Meeting in the 11th mo. last and in the accounts from each of the other Monthly Meetings information is communicated, that their Treasurers have either been directed to pay or have paid the Treasurer of this Meeting the several amounts called for at the same time.

Our Treasurer is directed to pay to the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting the amount called for by Minute of last year.

The subject of a change in the hour, in the 8th & 11th mos at which our Quarterly Meeting of Ministers & Elders assemble, from 11.00 in the morning to 2.00 in the afternoon, having claimed our attention, it was concluded, with the concurrence of the women's meeting, to propose the same to our next Yearly Meeting.

The following communication to the Yearly Meeting was directed to be signed by the Clerk on behalf of this Meeting and forwarded by our representatives.

To the Yearly Meeting. Dear Friends

The annexed Summary prepared from the answers to the queries rec^d at this time from each of our monthly Meetings, we forward for your information by our Friends Rowland Greene

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John, Meade, Thomas Anthony, Edmund Chaw, & Asa McBride,
Timothy Collins, David Buffum, Joseph Hilditch, Thomas Harkness
& Asa Peck, whom we have appointed to attend the Yearly Meeting
as our Representatives

We received in due course the printed minutes
of our last Yearly Meeting & the report of the Committee in charge
of the Boarding School, which were acceptable to us, & copies thereof
were transmitted to each of our monthly Meetings - We also
received a minute relative to Stock, and the Treasurer of this
Meeting has been directed to pay to the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting
the sum thereby called for. With the concurrence of the
women's Meeting we have concluded to propose to the Yearly
Meeting that the hour in the 8th & 11th months at which our Quarterly
Meetings of Ministers & Elders assemble be changed from 11 o'clock in the
morning to 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

Our beloved Friend Elizabeth King returned at this time
the certificate granted to her by this Meeting in the 8th mo last and
with some account of her services, she informed us that she could
look back upon the same with feelings of peace - She also presented
an extract from the minutes of Virginia half year's Meeting expressing
that her company and Gospel labors were satisfactory, & she also
a minute from Baltimore Yearly Meeting informing that she
had acceptably attended that Meeting, all of which is satisfactory
to us.

Summary of Answers

Ans 1st - All our Meetings for religious worship and discipline
have been attended, except one omission at one of our small Meetings
occasioned by the unfavourable state of the weather - Those held on
the first day of the week by Friends generally, & this week meetings
and those for discipline much neglected by a small portion of our
members - Some care appears to have been taken - The hour
nearly observed, & no unbecoming behaviour noticed, some instances
of sleeping excepted.

Ans. 2nd Love & unity are generally maintained and
distruction mostly guarded against, Endeavors have been used to
end differences when they have appeared -

Ans 3rd Friends are generally careful to bring up those
under their direction in plainness of speech, behaviour & apparel, and
to restrain them from reading pernicious books and from corrupt
conversation. They are pretty good examples herein themselves.

The Scriptures are frequently read in Friends families
 Ans 4th Friends are careful to avoid the use of spirituous liquors
 except for medicinal purposes with two exceptions which are under
 notice; and also to avoid the frequenting of taverns, and places of
 public resort and to observe moderation and temperance as
 queried.

Ans 5th The circumstances of the poor have been attended
 to and their necessities relieved, their children have partaken
 of useful learning - done place out

Ans 6th Parents and heads of families with the young and
 unmarried appear to be careful that all proceedings with respect
 to marriage are conformable to our discipline with the exception
 of one instance of marrying out of society under care

Ans 7th We think Friends are careful to maintain the several
 parts of this query, except one or two instances of attending Meetings
 of other denominations

Ans 8th Friends appear to be in a good degree careful to
 inspect their affairs and settle their accounts to be punctual
 to their promises and just in the payment of their debts, and to
 live within the bounds of their circumstances. In the account
 from one of our Monthly Meetings there is one instance of a want
 of timely care in the adjustment of affairs; in another there is an
 exception made in the just payment of debts; & of care to live within
 the bounds of circumstances. Some care has been taken in both cases.

Ans 9th Marriage Certificates duly recorded, birth, and deaths,
 nearly all, a few removals without certificates.

Ans 10th Friends manifest a care to deal with offenders in good
 measure as queried, and to place judgment according to discipline.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends
 held at Portsmouth 8th mo 2. 1849.

The Representatives named in the accounts
 from the Monthly Meetings are from Rhode Island John S
 Mitchell, Abraham Foster, Jacob West, from Greenwich New York
 Greene S. M. Reynolds, from New York William Chapman, from New York
 Obadiah Chace, from Providence John Madden, Gideon C. Smith of Farm
 Dennis, from South Kingston Timothy C. Collins, & Mrs Perry who are
 present except one for whose absence a substitute was assigned.

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The representatives to the Yearly Meeting reported that they all attended.

Our beloved Friend Eli Jones attended this Meeting & presented a minute from the New York Monthly Meeting expressing unity with his Ministry & present religious engagement his company & religious services have been acceptable to us & the clerk is directed to sign on behalf & furnish him with a copy of his minute.

Our beloved friend Sybil Jones attended this Meeting and produced a minute from the New York Monthly Meeting expressing unity with his Ministry & present religious engagement. His company & religious services have been acceptable to us & the clerk is directed to sign on our behalf a similar minute prepared in the Morris Meeting.

The queries have then been read at this time with answers to the 1st & 2nd from each of our Monthly Meetings.

We have received & read the report of the Committee in charge of the Boarding School, which is acceptable to us.

We have rec^d the following Minute from the Yearly Meeting relative to Stock - "It was concluded to raise two thousand dollars for the use of this Meeting the ensuing year which our several Quarterly Meetings are requested to pay in their several proportions to David Buffum our Treasurer. ^{to be paid} ²³⁷⁰ The appointment of Reynolds Timothy & Collins Joseph & others a committee to settle the Treasurer's acct. & propose the name of a friend to receive this Meeting as Treasurer for the ensuing year, they are also requested to consider of a sum for the use of this meeting in addition to the amount collected by the Yearly Meeting & report to our next Meeting."

We have also rec^d the following minute relative to a change in the hour in the 18th 11th month at which our Quarterly Meetings of Ministers & Elders have heretofore assembled, in conformity with the proposition from this Meeting in the 5th mo last. - (In the minute from the B. A. M. is copied our proposition as follows which is united with by us & the women's meeting, and the Meeting of Ministers & Elders is accordingly to assemble at the second hour in the afternoon in the 18th 11th mo. the change to take place in the 1st mo next and the clerk is directed to furnish the Quarterly Meeting with a copy of this minute. - From the minutes of the Yearly Meeting

Saml Boyd Tobey, Clerk

We have rec^d a number of the general printed Epistle for the Yearly Meeting of London held last year. In meeting at the present time the impulsive document we have been instructed & comforted -

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At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held
at Somerset 11th mo 1. 1849

The Representatives named in the accounts from
each of the Monthly Meetings are from Rhode Island George
Anthony George Brown and Abraham Barker, from East
Greenwich Thomas, Anthony & Peter Peck, from Swansea Silly
Jefford, Richard, Mitchell & Asa Shaw, from Providence Jos.
Metcalf, Tho. Harkness & Geo. Meade and from South Kingston
John Spencer; Timothy C. Collins, who are present.

The queries have been read in this Meeting with
answers to the 1st & 10th from each of our Monthly Meetings.

The Committee appointed to settle the Treasurer's
account & for other services presented the following report which
is accepted & in accordance therewith William Congdon is
appointed Treasurer for the year ensuing & the several
Monthly Meetings are requested to forward to him their
respective proportions of the sum named.

To Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting.

We the Committee appointed at the last Quarterly Meeting
to settle the Treasurer's account and for other purposes, report
that we have attended to our appointment and find a balance
in the treasury amounting to two hundred and seventy seven
dollars and fifty seven cents — We propose the sum of
six hundred dollars be raised to supply the treasury,
and, William Congdon for Treasurer

Somerset 11th mo 1st 1849

William Reynolds
Joseph Metcalf

In the account from Swansea Monthly Meeting we
are informed that, that Meeting, with the concurrence of
the Women's Meeting is united in appointing David Shaw
to the station of an Elder — This important subject
claimed our attention, but it was concluded to defer the
further consideration thereof until our next Meeting —

Our beloved friend Anna Hopkins
returned at this time the certificate granted her by this Meeting
in the 5th mo of last year, with the information that she had been suc-
cessfully enabled to accomplish the service she had in prospect to
the entire relief & peace of her mind. She also presented the following
certificate from the Yearly Meeting of Ministers & Elders of London,
which with the information communicated by her is acceptable
to us.

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We believe that in much ^{simplicity} ~~simplicity~~ watchfulness and in humble dependence upon the mercies putting forth of her Divine Master, she has endeavored to perform the service which has been assigned at her hands — We earnestly desire for our beloved sister, that the protecting care of the Almighty may be extended towards her both by sea & land, & that she may be favoured to return to her Native Country, in safety, and in the sweet feeling of a portion of her Saviour's peace

All Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Providence 2nd mo 7th 1850

The representatives named in the accounts from the Monthly Meetings are from Rhode Island David Buffum, Jona Dennis & Josiah Leach, from Greenwich Beniah Collins & William Reynolds from Swansea Edmund Leach, Jervis Shore & Ebenezer Shady from Providence Thomas Marking, Chas & the late Joseph Metcalf from South Kingston John T. Nichols & Peter H. Collins, who are present, Charles Atwater on behalf of the representatives reported that they were united in proposing Gilbert Congdon for clerk & Thos H. Gifford for assistant clerk, which being approved by the Meeting they are appointed to those offices for the year ensuing.

Our beloved friend Reuben Jones attended this meeting & presented a minute from Litchfield Monthly Meeting, expressing unity with his ministry & present religious engagement, his company & religious services have been acceptable to us & the clerk is directed to sign on our behalf & furnish him with a copy of this minute

Our esteemed Friend Paul R Bailey attended this meeting as companion to our friend Reuben Jones & spent but a minute from Litchfield Monthly Meeting expressing unity with his present engagement - his company has been a acceptance to us & the clerk is directed to sign on our behalf & furnish him with a copy of this minute -

The queries have been read in this meeting with answers to the 1st 2nd & 10th from each of our Monthly Meetings

The subject of the appointment by Swansea Monthly Meeting referred from our last meeting, claimed our attention at this time, and the further consideration of the same was deferred until our next meeting -

This Meeting approves of the appointment by Providence Monthly Meeting of Gilbert Congdon to the Station of an Elder, the women's meeting uniting therein, and Peter Rich is requested to communicate this information to the Quarterly Meeting of Ministers & Elders -

Rhode Island, Greenwich & ~~Swansea~~ ^{South Kingstown} Monthly Meetings inform that they have directed the payment to our Treasurer of their respective proportions of stock, called for by this Meeting in the 11th mo last.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at East Greenwich 5th mo 2, 1850

The Representatives named in the accounts from the Monthly Meetings are from Rhode Island Edward King & John Thomas and from East Greenwich Marinus Parker Paul and Grace and their wife, from this way Silly Gifford, Henry Wade, the S. Gifford as Jarvis Shaw, from Providence Samuel Boyd & Mary Ann Huskisson, the Markrup, from South Kingstown Isaac Collins and Timothy C Collins who are present.

The queries have been read in this meeting with the answers from each of the Monthly Meetings together with a summary prepared therefrom by the Representatives, which being approved is directed to be recorded & forwarded for the information of the Q. Meeting by our friends Rowland Green, Mose Anthony, David Buffum, John and son, Thos Gifford, Edmund Chace Jr, the lady Timothy C Collins & John Dennis D^r - whom we have appointed our Representatives.

Our beloved Friend Ben H Jones attended this Meeting and presented a minute from Dovers Monthly Meeting

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expressing unity with his Ministry and present religious engagements
his company and religious services have been acceptable to us
and the clerk is directed to sign on our behalf & furnish him with
a copy of this minute.

Our beloved Friend John Madsen in a weighty
manner ~~expressed~~ ^{expressed} his feeling a concern which has
impressively rested upon his mind for many years, to visit
in the love of our holy Redeemer the Meetings of Friends in Great Britain
& Ireland, to appoint some Meetings among Friends & those not in profession
with us and as way may open for it to visit some Places and hold Meetings
on the Continent of Europe. The Meeting was introduced into
sympathy with our dear Friend ^{after deliberate consideration} herein and with the expression
of full unity. She was left at liberty to pursue his prospect
under the direction of Best Winter, he being a Minister in
unity with us.

Our beloved Friend Elisabeth Madsen spoke before
this Meeting in a feeling manner a concern to visit in the love of
the Gospel the Meetings of Friends in Great Britain & Ireland, to
appoint some Meetings among Friends and those not in profession
with us and as way may open for it to visit some places & hold
Meetings on the Continent of Europe. In the consideration of this
important religious engagement the Meeting was introduced
into sympathy with our dear Friend, and after a season of solid
consideration, with ~~the~~ ^{full} expression of unity with her herein, she
was left at liberty to pursue her prospect under the direction of
the Holy Head of the Church, she being a Minister in unity with us.

The following endorsement for the certificate
given the Monthly Meeting, being approved by this and the Women's
Meeting, the Clerk is directed to sign the same on behalf of this Meeting.

Information is communicated in the accounts from
Advantage Providence & South Kingston Monthly Meetings that they
have paid to the Treasurer of this Meeting ~~the~~ ^{the} amounts
respectively called for by this Meeting in 11th mo last.

Our Treasurer is directed to pay to the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting
the amount called for by minutes of last year.

This Meeting concurs with the Women's Meeting in uniting
with Providence Monthly Meeting, in their approval of the public
Ministry of Hannah C. Holman & Maudie C. Mader & in appointments
of Eunice Nuttall to the station of an Elder.

The appointment by Advantage of this Meeting being ~~again~~ ^{under}
consideration at this time, it was again referred ^{to our next meeting} for further consideration.

This, along with the concurrence of the women's meeting
united with Greenwich Monthly Meeting in the appointment
of Jon^s Freeborn to the station of an Elder. & Bro^r Pick is requested
to give this information to the Quarterly Meeting of Ministers & Elders.

A testimony from Providence Monthly Meeting
concerning our beloved Friend Anna Jenkins deceased was rec^d
at this time, and being read & approved, the clerk was directed
to transmit the same to our Meeting for Sufferings, with a copy
of this minute signed on our behalf.

A testimony from Greenwich Monthly Meeting
concerning our beloved Friend The Rev. Mr. May, was rec^d at this
time and being read and approved, the clerk was directed to transmit
the same to Meeting for Sufferings, with a certified copy of this minute.

The clerk was directed to sign on our behalf
the following communication to the Yearly Meeting —

To the Yearly Meeting

Dear Friends

We have received at this time answers
to the queries from each of our Monthly Meetings from which the
following summary has been prepared as description of our state
which we forward for your information by our Friends Rev. Mr. Green
Rev. Mr. Anthony, Deacon Jonathan Johnson, Mr. W. Tupper, Edmund Brown
Jos. Hildes, Timothy Collins and Jos^s Ginnis Jr. whom we have
appointed to attend the Yearly Meeting as our representatives.

We rec^d in due season the printed minutes of last year and
the report of the Committee in charge of the Boarding School, copies
of which were forwarded to the Monthly Meetings — We also rec^d a
minute relative to stock and our Treasurer has been directed
to pay to the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting the amount thereby
called for.

This Meeting has united with Providence
Monthly Meeting in approving the public ministry of
Hannah Robinson and Shubael S. Maden in appointing
Cornelius Hildes and Gilbert Congdon to the station of Elders,
and with Greenwich Monthly Meeting in the appointment of
Jon^s Freeborn to the station of an Elder.

Sabbath Measures

1st. All our Meetings for religious worship and discipline have
attended except two in the middle of the week — These being on the
first day of the week by Friends generally — week meetings are
those for discipline much neglected by some, the hour nearly
observed — clear of unbecoming behavior a few cases of sleeping

And 2^d the believe Love and unity are in a good degree maintained amongst us - and distraction strictly guarded against. Controversies have been used to end differences when they have appeared
 3rd Friends generally maintain a care to bring up those under their direction in plainness of speech, behaviour and apparel - to restrain them from reading pernicious books and from corrupt conversation. They are much, pretty good examples herein themselves - and the Holy scriptures are we believe frequently read in Friends families.

4th Friends are careful to avoid the use of spirituous liquors with two or three exceptions - can totum - I sincerely care to observe the other parts of this query.

5th The circumstances of the poor have been attended to and their necessities relieved, their children have partaken of useful learning, above what is out to our knowledge.

6th Nothing appears but that Friends maintain our discipline in these respects, except a few instances of marrying out of the order of Society - can totum

7th We believe our testimonies have been maintained in these particular, with one exception, relation to the payment of Priest's wages - under notice.

8th Friends are generally careful to inspect their affairs and settle their accounts, to be punctual to their promises and just in the payment of their debts and to live within the bounds of their circumstances.

9th - Marriages all recorded, births, deaths, burials, mostly - and few removals without certificates.

10th Friends endeavor to deal with offenders as given in after and to place judgment according to discipline.

Endorsement for certificate granted of March 1st Friends Monthly Meeting

Our beloved Friend John Munn in a feeling and impressive manner spread before this Meeting a concern which weightily rests upon his mind to visit in the line of the Gospel the Meetings of Friends in Great Britain and Ireland, to appoint some meetings among Friends and those not in religious profession nations, and as way may open for it to visit some places and hold meetings on the Continent of Europe.

The Meeting was introduced into a deep and solemn feeling with consideration of this important religious engagement, and after a season of solid waiting and deliberation with the expression of tender sympathy and full unity our Friend was liberated to pursue his prospect under the direction of Best Wisdom.

Be feel it right to add our testimony to that of the Monthly meeting

that he is a minister of the Gospel in unity and good esteem with sound in faith and careful in the maintenance of our various Christian testimonies — We affectionately commend this our dear brother to the tender sympathy and kind attention of those among whom his lot may be cast earnestly craving that he may, with up from day to day preservation and support, and under the renewed anointings of the Holy Spirit of the Church be enabled to discharge the service required of him and restored in the right time to his family and friends, in the enjoyment of a measure of that peace which is the gift of Christ.

St. Rhodri Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Portsmouth 3rd Mo. 1. 1850

By accounts received at this time from each of the Monthly Meetings it appears, the representatives are from Rhode Island, John B. Nichols, H. St. Bude & Stephen Chace, East Greenwich for a Freeborn & P. Peck, Swansea Lily Gifford, Henry Stader & J. S. Shore Providence Charles A. H. H. for J. H. H. & James G. Harris, South Kingston Timothy C. Collins & John T. Nichols who are present except one, whose absence was satisfactorily accounted for.

The representatives to the Yearly Meeting reported that they attended.

The queries have been read at this time with answers to the 128th from our Monthly Meetings.

The appointment by Swansea Monthly Meeting deferred from our last Meeting, ^{having} again claimed our weighty attention at this time, it was the conclusion of this Meeting that the way is not open to proceed further herein.

This Meeting with the concurrence of the Women's Meeting unite, with South Kingston Monthly Meeting in approving the public ministry of Timothy C. Collins.

We have read the following minutes from the Yearly Meeting relative to Stock. We appoint W. F. Robinson, P. Peck & Th. Stader to ^{propose} consider of what additional sum may be required for the use of this meeting, settle the Treasurer amount, nominate a Treasurer to serve at this Meeting for the ensuing year & report to our next meeting.

At the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England held on Rhode Island in the 5th month 1850, it is concluded

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to raise two thousand dollars for the use of this Meeting the present
year which the Quarterly Meetings are requested to forward in their
respective proportions to David Buffum our Treasurer

The amount to be raised for this purpose by Rhode Island Quarterly
Meeting is four hundred and sixty dollars (\$460) 23 p. cent. 1846
From the minutes of the Meeting, Jan. 20th 1846

We have read and read at this time, the report of the Committee
in charge of the boarding School and several minutes from our last
Yearly Meeting relative to this Institution and to changes in
Correspondents

We have seen & read the London general printed
Covenant of last year & the contents thereof have been ~~submitted~~ diffused
to us.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends
held at Somerset 11th Mo. 7th 1850

By accounts received at this time from each of our
Monthly Meetings, the representatives therein named
to this Meeting are, from Rhode Island, David Buff-
um, William Sherman, & Jacob Mott, East Greenwich,
Rowland Green, & Thomas Anthony, Swansey, Wm.
Chace, David Shore, & Moses Buffinton, Providence,
Joseph Metcalf, Thomas Harkness & Reuben J. Peck-
ham, South Kingstown, William S. Perry & Timothy C.
Collins, who are all present.

The Clerk of this Meeting being ab-
-sent, David Buffum, is appointed Clerk for the day.

The queries have been read in the
Meeting with answers to the 1st 2nd & 10th from each
of our Monthly Meetings.

Our beloved friend Lemuel Gifford attended
this Meeting with a minute of concurrence from
Sandwich Monthly Meeting, held at Yarmouth
11 Mo. 1st 1850, his company and religious services
have been acceptable to us.

The Committee to settle the accounts
of our Treasurer and for other purposes, made the
following report, viz - "To Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting

The Committee appointed to settle the Treasurer's
account &c. Report, they have attended to that
service, and find a balance in his hands of

One Hundred & Nineteen Dollars. We propose the sum of Four Hundred Dollars, be raised for the use of the Meeting, and Welcome Congdon for Treasurer.

Providence 26th of 10 Mo. 1850

For the Committee William A. Robinson }
Thomas Harkness }

which is accepted and Welcome Congdon appointed Treasurer for the year ensuing, and our Monthly Meetings are requested to forward to him their respective proportions of the sum named.

Our beloved Friend Phebe R. Gifford attended this Meeting with a Minute of concurrence from Dartmouth Monthly Meeting held 8 Mo. 28th 1850 her company and religious services have been acceptable to us.

Our Esteemed friend Isaac R. Gifford attended this Meeting in company with his wife, with a minute of concurrence from Dartmouth Monthly Meeting, his company has been acceptable to us.

The Clerk is directed to furnish the friends now with us with copies of the minutes made in this Meeting on their account.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Providence the 6th of 1st month 1851

My accounts rec^d at this time from each of our Monthly Meetings, it appears that the representatives to this Meeting are from Rhode Island George Anthony, Jonⁿ Dennis from Greenwich Rowland Green & Birnie Collins, from Edmund Chace Wm Chace Abby Gifford & Theophilus Grove from Providence Chas^s Hubbard Sam^l Lloyd Abby S. Harkness & James Dennis from South Kingstown Timothy C. Collins & Isaac Collins, who are present.

Rowland Green on behalf of the Representatives informed the Meeting that several of their number had conferred together and were united in proposing the appointment of Welcome Congdon for clerk & Thos. J. Gifford for assistant clerk, which being approved by the Meeting they are accordingly appointed to those services for the ensuing year.

Our beloved Friend Dr. A. B. Douglass attended this meeting
expressing unity with his ministry & present religious engagements.
His company & religious services have been acceptable to us

Our beloved Friend Dr. J. M. H. attended this
meeting and expressed a minute from his ministry
expressing unity with his ministry & present religious engagements. His
company & religious services have been acceptable to us

The clerk is desired to sign on our behalf & forward
the minutes with us, copies of minutes made on their account.

The queries have been read at this time with the
requisite answers from each of our monthly meetings

The propriety of a change in the Plan of holding our
Quarterly meeting in the 8th month commands attention at this
time and we appoint David Buffum, Stephen Chace,
Rowland Green, Peter Peck, Edmund Chaffin, H. Loring,
Saml. Bogue, Toby, Thos. Marshall, Timothy H. Collins, & W. G.
Perry to unite with a similar committee of the women
meeting to take the subject into consideration & report at
our next meeting

St. Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held
at East Greenwich 5th mo 1. 1851

By accounts received at this time from each of our
Monthly Meetings it appears the representatives are from
Rhode Island Stephen Chace, George Anthony & Son & Dennis
Greenwich Thomas Anthony & Beriah Collins, Swansea, Hiram
Hale, Thos. S. Gifford, Nathan Chace & David Shore, Providence
Gideon C. Smith Joseph M. Hall & Mrs. A. Robinson, South Kingstown
Wm. S. Perry & Hiram B. Babcock who are all present

Our beloved Friend James Patterson attended this
meeting and presented certificates from Springfield Quarterly Meeting
and Walnut Ridge Monthly Meeting, expressing unity with his
ministry and present religious engagements. His company &
religious services have been acceptable to us

Our beloved Friend Ben. H. Jones attended this meeting &
presented certificates from Dover Monthly & Quarterly Meetings expressing
unity with his ministry and present religious engagements. His
company & religious services have been acceptable to us

Our esteemed Friend Joseph Buffum attended this meeting as
company to our Friend Jane Patterson and presented a message
from Springfield Monthly Meeting expressing unity with his community
and present engagement. His company has been acceptable to us.

The queries have been read at this time with answers
from each of our Monthly Meetings from which the following summary
has been prepared as description of our state which we forward for
the information of the Yearly Meeting beyond our limits. Thos. Anthony
Rowland Green David Buffum James H. Thayer Joseph M. Thayer
David Buffum Sarah Boyce Henry L. Holden Wm. J. Holden
Ellis Luffa, whom we have appointed our representatives.

It appears by the accounts that the Treasurers
of the several Monthly Meetings have either paid or been directed
to pay to our Treasurer the amounts respectively called for
in the 11th mo last.

Our Treasurer is directed to pay to the Treasurer of the
Yearly Meeting the amount called by minute of last year.
With the concurrence of the women's meeting we unite
with Rhode Island Monthly Meeting in the appointment of
Joa. G. Lane to the Station of an Elder and David Buffum is
appointed to communicate this information to the Quarterly Meeting
of Ministers & Elders.

The committee appointed at our last meeting
to consider the propriety of a change in the Place of holding our
Quarterly Meeting in the 8th month presented the following report
which is accepted & the further consideration of the propositions
therein, is referred to our next meeting.

To the Quarterly Meeting. The Committee appointed
to consider of the proposed change of Place of holding our Quarter-
ly Meeting in the 8th mo have had the subject under consideration
and another change being proposed it was concluded simply to
suggest to the Quarterly Meeting that many Friends think it would
be an improvement to hold the Quarterly Meeting in the 8th mo
at Fall River and in the 11th mo at Newport.

5th mo 1851 On behalf of the Committee. David Buffum
Lydia C. Smith

We concur with the women's meeting we unite
with Rhode Island Monthly Meeting in the appointment of
Mary Williams to the Station of an Elder and with Lyncourt
Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Ruth B. Buffum to
the same Station.

160 The Clerk is directed to sign on our behalf and furnish the Friends in attendance, copies of the minutes made on their account.

The Clerk is directed to sign on our behalf the following communication to the Yearly Meeting

To the Yearly Meeting Dear Friends We have received at this time answers to the queries from each of our Monthly Meetings from which the following Summary has been prepared as a description of our State, which we submit to your consideration by our Friends Thomas & Henry & others (supervising the) whom we have appointed to attend the Yearly Meeting as our Representatives we received in due course the printed minutes of last year, the London general epistle and those sent; the Committee in charge of the Brethren's School together with several ~~some~~ extracts from the minutes of the Yearly Meeting, relative to this Institution copies of all of which were forwarded to our Monthly Meetings We also received a minute, relative to Slavery, & our measure has been directed to pay to the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting the amount thereby called for. This Meeting has united with South-
American Monthly Meeting in approving the public ministry of Timothy & Collins, with Rhode Island Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Jonathan Darn & Mary Williams to the Station of Elders, and with Swansea, Another Meeting in the appointment of Ruth B. Buffington to the same station.

Ans^{1st} All our meetings for worship & discipline have been attended, except one small one, those held on first days by our members generally, moderate meetings & those for discipline much neglected by some - the hour, nearly observed as few instances of sleeping, of other unbecoming behavior & has as far as appears -

Ans^{2nd} We believe Friends are generally preserved in love and unity and detraction is mostly guarded against and we have seen used to end differences when they have appeared

Ans^{3rd}

Friends are mostly careful to bring up those under their care as queried, and to be good examples themselves, the Holy Scriptures we believe are frequently read in friends families

Ans^{4th}

We believe Friends are careful as respects the several parts of this query, with three or four exceptions in the use of Spirituous liquors except for medicine, which are unbecom-

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and a few instances of attending places of public resort, in which some care has been taken.

Ans 5th The requisitions of this query appear to be well complied with.

Ans 6th Parents and heads of families with the young and unmarried are generally careful that all proceedings with respect to marriages are conformable to our discipline.

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Ans 7th We believe Friends are engaged to maintain our testimony with respect to Priests, Bays and military matters clear with regard to the other particulars mentioned in this query.

Ans 8th Friends are generally careful to inspect their affairs and settle their accounts, to be punctual to their promises and just in the payment of their debts and to live within the bounds of their circumstances.

Ans 9th Marriages all recorded births, deaths & burials mostly - a few removals without certificates.

Ans 10th Care is taken to deal with offenders, and to place judgment when necessary according to discipline.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends,
held at Portsmouth 8th mo. 7. 1851

By accounts received at this time from each of our Quarterly Meetings it appears the following Friends are appointed representatives to this meeting. From Rhode Island. Stephen Leach George Anthony and Jacob H. Hall from Greenwich Rowland Green & Gen^l Freeborn from Swansea Obadiah Leach. Tho^s S. Gifford and Jos. C. Anthony from Providence Joseph Metcalf Thomas Harkness & James Dennis, from South Kingston Wm. C. Perry and Timothy C. Collins who are present.

Our beloved Friend Dan. Wood attended this Meeting and presented certificates from Plum Creek Monthly and Quarterly Meetings Ohio expressing unity with his Ministry and present religious engagement - His company and solid waiting in this Meeting have been acceptable to us. He has also attended all the Meetings within our limits, and his company and religious services

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at the same have been acceptable to Friends, and the clerk is directed to furnish him with a copy of the minute.

Our beloved Friend Bro. H. Jones whose certificates were presented at our last Quarterly Meeting, in the course of the same engagement is now also a captably with us - His religious services have been satisfactory.

The queries have been read at this time with answers to the 1.28.10th from our Monthly Meetings.

In concurrence with the Womans Meeting we unite with South Kingston Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Lois Perry to the station of an Elder.

The propositions in the report of the Committee relative to change of place in holding our Quarterly Meeting, referred from our last meeting, claimed our consideration at this time - and the further consideration of the same is referred to our next meeting.

The Representatives to the Yearly Meeting reported that they attended.

This Meeting is united in granting liberty to Swansea Monthly Meeting to make the proposed repairs in our Meeting House at Somerset and to dispose of the present House at ^{Dighton} ~~Dighton~~ and erect a new one in its stead, and we authorize the Treasurer of this Meeting to pay at a suitable time Three hundred Dollars towards the expense of the same, this being the sum applied for by that Meeting.

We have received the following minute from the Yearly Meeting relative to Slaves and we appoint Thomas Hart Knapp Peter Peck and Abner Shale a committee to consider what additional sum may be required for the use of this meeting. They are also requested to examine and settle the Treasurer's account and propose a Friend to serve this Meeting as Treasurer for the ensuing year and report at our next meeting. - At our Yearly Meeting for New-England held on Rhode Island in the 6th month 1851.

It was concluded to raise Two Thousand Dollars for the use of this Meeting the ensuing year, which our Quarterly Meetings are requested to forward in their respective proportions to David Buffum our Treasurer. The quota of Rhode Island Meeting (23 percent) is four hundred and sixty dollars (460).

By direction of the Meeting.
Samuel Boyd Tobey Clerk }
We have received and read the report of the Committee in charge of the boarding school and also some extracts from the minute of our last Yearly Meeting relative to this Institution.

and to a regulation of discipline concerning additions to our Meetings of Ministers and Elders - We have also received from the Yearly Meeting 450 copies of the general London Epistle for 1850, 450 copies of the printed minutes of our last Yearly Meeting and 550 copies of the Epistle ^{to junior members} ~~to junior members~~ by London Yearly Meeting of 1850 ~~from~~ reprinted by our Yearly Meeting for the same year among us - all of the above, together with a sufficient number of the printed Acts of the regulation of discipline above alluded to have been distributed ~~among~~ to our monthly Meetings. And the clerk is requested to append the latter to the books of discipline in use by this Meeting -

Our beloved Friend Jacob H. Binning opened in this Meeting a prospect of religious service within the limits of Indiana and Baltimore Yearly Meeting as expressed in an accompanying certificate from Swansey Monthly Meeting. This concern claiming our solicited consideration was fully united with, and he left at liberty to attend to this same under the direction of Ben. Wilson, there being a minister in unity with us, and the clerk is directed to sign on our behalf and furnish him with a copy of this minute ^{as an endorsement to his certificate}. He appointed Edmund Leach, Ebenezer Ladd and David Buffum a committee with whom he may advise relative to any subjects connected with his concern to render any advice or assistance that may be necessary for the accomplishment of the service.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Somerset 11th mo 6. 1851
By account rec'd at this time from each of our monthly Meetings it appears the following Friends are representatives to this Meeting. From Rhode Island Stephen Leach, Jacob H. & E. Braham Barker, from Greenwich Thomas Anthony & Beriah Collins, from Swansea David Shaw, David Shaw & others, Buffington from Providence Gideon C Smith, New & Robinson, for Malesh from South Kingston Isaac Collins & Timothy C Collins who are present except two for the absence of one of whom a sufficient reason was assigned.

The queries have been read in this Meeting with an answer to the 12 & 10th from our Monthly Meeting.

Our beloved friends Shadrach Lifford & Ruth H. Barker attended this meeting with minutes of conference from Sandwich Mo. meeting - Their company & religious services have

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has been acceptable to us

Our beloved Friend Mary K King attended this meeting as companion to our Friend Ruth H Baker, & presented a minute of concurrence from Sandwich M^o meeting. Her company has been acceptable to us.

Our Esteemed Friend Nathaniel Gifford attended this meeting as companion to his wife Huldah Gifford, his company has been acceptable to us.

The subject of a change of ^{of holding our Quarterly Meeting} Place, referred from our last meeting has claimed our consideration at this time & with the concurrence of the women's meeting we conclude to propose to the Yearly Meeting that the meeting hereafter held on the 5th month at Portsmouth be in future held at New York at the same time.

The committee appointed at our last meeting to examine & settle the Treasurer's account & for other purposes, presented the following report which is accepted, & we accordingly appoint Melrose Congdon to serve this meeting as Treasurer for the year ensuing, and our monthly meetings, are requested to forward to him their respective ^{proportions} of the sum named in the report.

To the Quarterly Meeting -
I equally to appointment we have examined and settled the Treasurer's account and find a balance in his hands of Two Dollars & 91 cents - and would propose five hundred Dollars as a suitable sum to be raised for the use of the Meeting - and we propose Melrose Congdon for Treasurer. Providence 10mo 28. 1851

Peter Peck

Our beloved Friend Jacob H Vining } Thomas Harkness
returned at this time the certificate } & Henry Black
granted him by this meeting in the 5th mo last & informed us that he has been favored to discharge what seems to be his religious duty to the comfort of his mind - He also presented minutes from Indiana & Baltimore Yearly Meetings & Census Court Monthly Meeting acknowledging his acceptable attendance of these meetings, all of which is satisfactory to us.

The printed London general Epistle for 1850 was read at this time, and is acceptable to us.

The clerk is directed to write with the clerk of the women's meeting in signing on our behalf & furnishing the Friend now with us with similar minutes to those made on their account.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends
held at Providence 2nd month 5th 1852

By accounts received at this time from each of our Monthly Meetings it appears the following Friends are Representatives to this Meeting. From Rhode Island George Anthony, John^a Dennis & Geo. Brown. from Greenwich Rowland Grimes & Thomas Anthony. From Swanton Anna Made David Shaw & Jacob W. Boring. From Providence Joseph M. Metcalf, Gilbert Congdon & Thomas Hartnup. from South Kingston Mr S. Perry & Edward W. Collins.

Joseph Metcalf on behalf of the Representatives informed the meeting, that a part of their number had conferred together and were united in proposing Gilbert Congdon for clerk & The S. Gifford for assistant, which being approved by the Meeting they ^{are} accordingly appointed to the offices designated for the ensuing year.

We have in attendance at this time, a number of the committee appointed at our last Yearly Meeting to visit as way opens subordinate Meetings - families & individuals - They presented a minute of their appointment which was read - Their company is very satisfactory to us.

Our beloved Friend Lindley M. Hoag attended this Meeting and presented certificates from Sandwich Monthly & Dover Quarterly Meetings expressing unity with his ministry and present religious engagement - His company & religious services have been acceptable to us.

Our beloved Friend John Page attended this meeting & presented a minute from Wren Monthly Meeting expressing unity with his ministry & present religious engagement - His company & religious services have been acceptable to us.

Our Esteemed Friend Joshua Page attended this Meeting ~~and~~ companion to our Friend John Page and presented a minute from Wren Monthly Meeting expressing unity with his present engagement - His company has been acceptable to us.

The queries have been read at this time with answers to the 1st 2nd & 10th from our Representative Meetings.

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Having received the following communication - We appoint
Joseph H. C. David Buffum, Rowland Grune, Charles
H. H. ^{John H. H.} The H. H. H. & Peter Pick, a committee to unite
with a similar committee from the Boston's Meeting to advise
with the Elders of Swansea, Monthly meeting concerning
this subject = see communication next page

The clerk is directed to sign on our behalf &
furnish the Friends with us copies of the minutes made
on this account.

Our beloved Friends John & Maria & Elizabeth
Meador his wife, returned at this time with the certificates granted
them by this Meeting in the 5th mo 1850 and informed us
that they had been favored to accomplish the religious
service they had in prospect to the entire relief and
peace of their own minds - They also presented the following
certificates from the Yearly Meeting of Ministers & Elders for
Ireland, and the Morning Meeting of Ministers & Elders
held in London - and also a testimony from those professing
with Friends in Norway expressing that the company and
religious services of our Friends in that Land ~~had~~ were very
acceptable to them - In reading these ^{satisfactory} testimonials from
our distant Brethren and in listening to the interesting
account given by them of their progress in this arduous
engagement, ~~the Meeting~~ we were favoured with a sense
of the condescending goodness of our great & Holy Head

To Providence Monthly Meeting Rhode Island
Quarterly Meeting is the Meeting of Ministers and Elders
for New England.

Dear Friends - Our beloved friends John Meador
and Elizabeth Meador his wife, concerning whom we received
your certificates liberating them for religious service in
these parts, being present with us at this Yearly Meeting,
after performing a general visit to the meetings of Friends
in this land, have informed us that they apprehend their
service amongst us is drawing to a close.

We certify on their behalf that their company and
 Gospel labours have been acceptable to us & their
ministry sound & edifying.

Commending these our dear friends to the

guidance of the Shepherd of Israel under every
 exercise which may yet await them during their
 present engagement and desiring that the blessing of
 Divine preservation may be theirs to the end of their
 earthly pilgrimage. We are with love your friends
 Signed by direction & on behalf of the Yearly
 Meeting of Ministers & Elders for Ireland held in
 Dublin the 26th of Fourth Month & by adjournments
 on the 3rd of Fifth Month 1851 Joseph Bowley Clerk
 to the Meeting this year.

To Providence Monthly Meeting Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting & the
 Yearly Meeting of Ministers & Elders of New England. Dear Friends—
 Our dear Friend John Mearns has attended this meeting &
 has informed us that he & his wife Elizabeth Mearns have nearly
 completed the religious service to which they were called within the
 compass of our Yearly Meeting & that they have also accomplished
 the visit to Norway & to friends at Pyramont & Minnola for which
 they were liberated by our late Yearly Meeting of Ministers & Elders
 and that they believe that the time is now come for their return
 to their own land. We feel called upon to testify that
 we have had near unity with our dear friends in their Gospel labors
 amongst us which have been to our comfort & edification; & their
 life & conversation have exemplary & instructive. And we
 desire that, in the termination of this their arduous engagement
 the peace of God may be their enriching portion.

Signed in and on behalf of the Morning Meeting
 of Ministers & Elders held in London the 13th of 10th Month
 1851. by Geo. Hailey, Clerk this time.

" To the Quarterly Meeting Dear Friends We are united in
 believing it right to request the appointment of a
 committee to advise with us in relation to the ministry.
 Signed Edmund Wharfe, on behalf
 of the Elders of Swansea Monthly Meeting
 Fall Term 2^d Month 1852.

We are informed that Rhode Island Greenwich and
 Swansea Monthly Meetings have directed their Treasurers
 to pay to ours their respective proportions of the amount
 called for by this Meeting in the 11th month last.

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East Greenwich 5th mo 6. 1852.

By accounts received at this time from each of our
monthly meetings, it appears the following Friends are representatives
to this meeting, viz from Rhode Island the meeting Stephen Chase
David Buffum & Isaac Hathaway. Greenwich Beniah Cotten's son
Reynolds & Providence Greene Swansey David Shore Elisha Chase
& Tom Chase. Providence Thos. Haskell Thos. ~~Wadsworth~~ & Charles
Whitson & South Kingstown the meeting Horatio Babcock & Thos.
Perry who are present.

The queries have been read at this time from which
the following summary has been prepared as a description of our
state which we forward for the ^{information of the} Yearly Meeting by our friends
Providence Greene John Meader, David Buffum David Shore
Thomas Anthony Joseph Hilditch Timothy C. Cotten Edmund Chase
& Saml Boyd Tobey whom we appoint our representatives

General answers

1st Our meetings for worship and discipline have been attended;
those on first days by most Friends: other meetings much
neglected by some: the time well observed. Clear of unbecoming
behaviour except some instances of sleeping at times. In these
deficiencies some caution

2nd The belief in love and unity are maintained amongst us with
little exception and detraction mostly guarded against. When
differences have arisen, endeavors have been used to settle them

3rd Most friends manifest a care to bring up those under
their direction in plainness of speech & behavior & apparel; to
restrain from those bad habits of swearing, boisterous and from the corrupt
conversation of the world. Generally good examples herein themselves.
We believe the Holy Scriptures are frequently read in friends
families.

4th So far as we know, with two exceptions which are
undecan, our members are clear as regards the use of spirituous
liquors, except for medicine, and of the unnecessary frequenting of
taverns: abstinence clear as respects places of public resort. Moderation
in dress and appear to be observed on the occasions referred to
in the query.

5th The circumstances of the poor and such as appear
likely to need assistance are inspected and their ^{necessities} ~~and wants~~ relieved.
The children of the poor are learning and Friend children have
been placed with members as far as appears

4th 18th Parents & Heads of families with the young & unmarried, are careful that all proceedings with respect to marriage be conformable to our discipline, with a few exceptions, some of which are under notice.

7th We believe the several testimonies embraced in this Query are maintained.

8th Friends are generally careful to inspect their affairs and settle their accounts, are punctual to their promises & just in the payment of their debts, with one exception, except to time within the bounds of their circumstances, except in one instance, there is also one or two instances, wherein a want of punctuality to promises is manifest.

9th Marriage certificates are duly recorded, Births deaths & burials nearly all. A few removals without certificates mostly under care.

10th We believe Friends are careful to deal with offenders as guided after, and to place judgment according to discipline.

The Committee appointed at our last meeting to advise with the Elders of Swansea monthly meeting relative to the minority reports had then had given attention to their appointment.

With the concurrence of the women's meeting we unite with Swansea monthly meeting in acknowledging the gift & and approving the public appearance in the ministry of Abner Place & Peter Peck is appointed to inform the Quarterly Meeting of Ministers & Elders.

The Elders & Friends Kingston Monthly Meeting inform that their Treasurers have paid to ours their respective proportions of the amount called for by this Meeting in the 11th month last and our Treasurer is directed to pay to the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting the amount called by minutes of last year.

The clerk is directed to sign on our behalf and forward to the Yearly Meeting the following communication.

To the Yearly Meeting Dear Friends
The queries have been read in this Meeting with the answers from each of our monthly meetings, and with the following summary has been prepared as descriptive of our state, which we forward for your information by (Rowland Green tolls) whom we have appointed to attend the Yearly Meeting as our Representative. We received in due course the report of the Committee in charge of the Boarding School, also some extracts from the minutes of the Yearly

Minutes relative to this Institution. He also received 450 copies of the general Circular Epistle for 1831. 450 copies of the printed minutes of our last Yearly Meeting and 550 copies of the Epistle to Junior members all of ~~which~~ the above together with a sufficient number of the printed ~~minutes~~ of the regulation of discipline concerning additions to our Meetings of Ministers & Elders have been distributed to our Monthly Meetings. That the concurrence of the Women's Meeting we have concluded to propose to the Yearly Meeting that our Meeting heretofore held at Portsmouth in the 8th month be in future held at Newport at the same time. We received from our last Yearly Meeting the minute relative to Stock and our Treasurer has been directed to pay to the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting the amount thereby called for. This Meeting has united with South Kingston Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Louis Perry to the station of an Elder, and we have also united with Swansea Monthly Meeting in ^{approving} ~~approving~~ the gift & ^{approving} ~~approving~~ the public appearance in the ministry of Abner Chace.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Portsmouth 8th Mo 5th 1831.
 By accounts received at this time from each of our Monthly Meetings, it appears the following friends are representatives to this Meeting viz from Rhode Island Monthly Meeting Stephen Chace, Thomas B. Buffum & Jacob Mott. Greenwich William Payrol & Jonathan Freeborn. Swansea Moses Buffinton, Ellis Gifford & David Shore Providence John Meader, Charles Atterton & Joseph Metcalfe South Kingston Peter H. Collins & Timothy C. Collins, who are present.

The Clerk being absent Thomas G. Gifford is appointed Clerk for the day.

Our beloved friend Harvey Dabrysh attended this Meeting with a minute of concurrence from Salem Monthly Meeting Endorsed by Salem Quarterly Meeting. Iowa - expressing of their unity with him as a minister and with his present religious engagements - his company and gospel labours have been acceptable to us, and the Clerk is directed to furnish him with a copy of this minute.

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The representatives to our last Yearly Meeting in-
form that they all attended.

The Queries have been read in this Meeting with
Answers to the 1st, 2nd, & 10th from each of our
Monthly Meeting.

Received the following Extract
from the minutes of our last Yearly Meeting relative
to Stock viz. "At our Yearly Meeting of Friends for New
England held on Rhode Island in the 6 Mo. 1852 -

It is concluded to raise Two Thousand Dollars
for the use of this Meeting the ensuing year. which
the several Quarterly Meetings are requested to for-
ward to David Buffum our Treasurer - The
quota of Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting is four hun-
dred and fifty dollars (\$450) 23 per cent

A proposition from Rhode Island Quarterly Me-
eting, that that meeting in the 8th Mo. should be held at
New Port instead of Portsmouth, was with the concurrence
of the womens Meeting united with, and it is direct-
ed that the Quarterly Meeting should be so held after
the present year - and the Clerk is directed to furnish
that Meeting with a copy of this minutes.

Taken from the Minutes of the Meeting

Samuel Boyd, Docty^rble

And we do appoint David Buffum, William Reynolds,
Edmund Chace, William A. Robinson, & William S. Perry, a
Committee to consider what further sum it may be
necessary to raise for the use of this meeting the
present year, and they are also desired to examine &
settle the Treasurers account and report to our next
meeting the name of a friend to serve this Meeting in
that capacity for the ensuing year.

By the above extracts we are also informed that that
that Meeting has united with the change proposed
by this meeting in the place of holding our Quarterly
Meeting in the 8 mo.

Received at this time the following
extract from the minutes of our last Yearly Meeting
together with the report of the Boarding School
Committee and the Clerk is desired to give the necessary
attention to the Books of Discipline in use by this meeting.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Somerset 11th mo 4. 1852.

Accounts received at this time from each of our Monthly Meetings, it appears the following Friends are representatives to this meeting, viz. from Rhode Island Monthly Meeting George Anthony, Levi Strong & Stephen Leach, from Greenwich Pier Peck, Marinus Parker & Wm Reynolds, from Swansea Joseph Estes, Isa Stone & Richard Mitchell, from Providence Charles, Arthur Thorne, Haskell & James Linnis, from North Kingston Wm S. Perry & Timothy C. Collins, who are present except one for whose absence a sufficient reason was assigned.

Our beloved Friend Lemuel Gifford attended this meeting & presented a minute from Warwick Monthly Meeting, Nap. expressing unity with his Ministry & present religious engagements - His company & religious services have been acceptable to us & the clerk is directed to sign on our behalf & furnish him with a copy of this minute.

The queries have been read at this time with answers to the 1. & 10th from each of our Monthly Meetings.

The committee appointed to settle the Treasurer's account & for other purposes presented the following report which is accepted & we accordingly appoint Welcome Congdon our Treasurer for the ensuing year, and our Monthly Meetings are requested to ^{pay} him their respective proportions of the sum named in the report.

To the Quarterly Meeting
The committee appointed to ^{examine} settle the Treasurer's accounts - propose a sum to be raised & name for Treasurer - report they find in the Treasury - ninety one & 1/2 dollars - propose the sum of five hundred dollars to be raised and Welcome Congdon for Treasurer for the ensuing year.

William & Robinson
for the committee
This meeting with the concurrence of the women's meeting, we ~~are~~ ^{are} granting to Rhode Island Monthly Meeting their request to change their present hour of meeting to half past ten o'clock.

We are informed that South Kingston Monthly Meeting have concluded to omit holding their mid week meetings on the weeks of holding our ^{quarterly} Quarterly Meetings.

Article of Discipline established by the Yearly Meeting, 1852.

Instead of the paragraph on the subject of Burials, on the 12th page, beginning with the words "And whereas Friends" and ending with the words "are decently enclosed"—the following paragraph is to be substituted, viz :

Being very desirous that Friends should keep a commendable plainness and simplicity in the burial of the dead, as well as in other respects—it is the advice of this meeting that no monuments be set up in our burial grounds near or over the dead bodies of Friends, or others, except a plain stone not to exceed fifteen inches in height above the surface of the ground, on which no inscription shall be made other than the name, date of death and age of the deceased. And it is advised that the several Monthly Meetings take care that in these respects our testimonies be carefully maintained. And also to see that all burial grounds be properly enclosed.



The appoint Joseph Mitealf Edmund Leace Peter Pick
& Wm S. Perry to unite with a committee of the women's meeting
to advise with the Elders of N. Island Mo. Meeting
in conformity with the following request.

To the Quarterly Meeting - The Elders of N. Island
Monthly Meeting request the appointment of a committee to
unite with them in considering a subject that they are
prepared to lay before them on behalf of the Elders

David Buffum

The appoint Alvin Gault Thomas Anthony. Hm. S.
Robertson & Benjamin Green, to unite with a similar
committee of the Women's Meeting to advise with a committee
of Providence Mo. Meeting according to the following
request. To the Quarterly Meeting. Dear Friends

The Committee of Providence, Monthly Meeting
appointed to consider of a suitable Friend or Friends for
the station of Elder or Elders are united in requesting
the Quarterly Meeting to appoint a committee as contemplan-
ed by the discipline On behalf of the Committee
Providence 10mo 15. 1852

Jonathan Congdon
Mary & Eliza

The appoint John Mader David Buffum. Hm. S. Perry
& Thomas C. Gifford to unite with a similar committee of the
Women's Meeting to advise with a committee of Greenwich
monthly Meeting, according to having received the following
communication. To Rhode Island Quarterly

Meeting to be held at Somerset - Greenwich, Monthly
Meeting have appointed a committee of men & women
Friends, to take into consideration the propriety of selecting
a friend to be added to Greenwich Select Preparative Meeting
in the station of an Elder, and solicited the Quarterly
Meeting's assistance in the case agreeably to discipline
Greenwich 11mo 1. 1852 on behalf of the Committee

St. Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends
held at Providence 2nd mo. 3. 1853

By accounts received at this time from each of our monthly meetings it appears the following Friends are Representatives to this Meeting viz from Rhode Island our meeting from Hattaway Stephen Chase & Jacob Hall from Greenwich from Reynolds Peter Peck & Rowland Greene from Swansea from Chase & Sons & Hodge & Isa & Hone from Providence from Congdon John & Charles & Joseph Mately from South Kingston Edward Collins & Mr. S. Perry who are present except one for whose absence a sufficient reason was given

Peter Peck on behalf of the representatives reported that they had conferred together & were united in proposing Gilbert Congdon for clerk & Thos. Gifford for assistant clerk which being approved by the Meeting they are accordingly appointed to the offices designated for the ensuing year

Our beloved friend David Dudley attended this Meeting & presented a minute from North Attleboro' Me. Meeting expressing unity with his Ministry & present religious engagement his company & religious services have been acceptable to us

Our beloved friend Mr. Farr attended this Meeting as companion to our friend David Dudley & presented a minute from North Attleboro' Me. Meeting expressing unity with his present engagement. His company has been acceptable to us.

The clerk is directed to sign on our behalf & furnish the Friends with us, copies of the minutes made on their behalf.

We have at this time an ^{acceptable} company of a number of the Committee appointed at our last Yearly Meeting to visit subordinate Meetings families & individuals as they may opportunity. They presented a minute of their appointment which was read

The queries have been read at this time with answers to the 1. 2nd & 10th from each of our Monthly Meetings.

The Committee appointed at our last meeting to advise with the Elders of N. S. Monthly Meeting, in reference to their request, reported that they have attended to the subject.

The Committee appointed at our last Meeting to advise with a committee of Greenwich Me. Meeting, in accordance with their request, reported that they have attended to the subject. And a Committee appointed at this time

in reference to a similar request from a committee of Providence
Monthly Meeting, reported they had attended to their appointment
Rhine, Greenwich, Swansea & Kingston, Messrs. have
directed their Treasurers to pay to ours their respective proportions
of the amount called for in the 11th month last.

With the concurrence of the various meetings
we unite with Providence Monthly Meeting in the appointment
of Charles Atherton to the station of an Elder.

We unite with the various meetings in the
approval of the appointment, by General Monthly Meeting
of Guilmot Truborn to the station of an Elder.

At Rhoads Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at East Greenwich 5th mo. 5. 1853

By accounts received at this time from each of our
Monthly Meetings it appears the following Friends are
representatives to this meeting, to wit from R. Island
Stephen Chase, George Anthony & John Dennis, from Greenwich
Marinus Parker, Peter Peck & Rowland Gunn, from Swansea Oliver
Earle, Edmund Chase, Thos. T. Gifford & David Thome, from Providence
John Meader, Joseph M. Peck & Gideon C. Smith, from South Kingston
Wm. S. Perry & Hesteriah Babcock who are present.

Our beloved friend Wm. B. Thompson attended
this Meeting & presented minutes from Sea Brook Monthly
Meeting & Salem Quarterly Meeting expressing unity with
his ministry & present religious engagements, his company
& religious services have been acceptable to us & the Church
is directed to sign on our behalf & furnish him with a copy
of this minute.

The queries have been read in this meeting with
answers from each of our Monthly Meetings from which the following
summary has been prepared as descriptive of our state, which we
forward for the information of the Yearly Meeting by our Friends
Rowland Gunn, John Meader, David Thome, Jos. M. Peck, Peter
Peck, David Buffum, Wm. S. Perry, Edmund Chase, Timothy C. Colburn
& Charles Atherton, whom we appoint our representatives.

Providence Monthly Meeting inform that their Treasurer
has been directed to pay to ours their proportion of the sum called
for by this Meeting in the 11th mo. last. And our Treasurer is
directed to pay to the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting the amt.

called for by minute of last year -

Our returned friend Louisa M Thompson attended this meeting as companion to her husband W B Thompson and presented a minute from Seabrook Mo. meeting expressing unity with her present engagement, her company has been ample to us & the clerk is directed to sign on our behalf a similar minute prepared in the women's meeting.

The clerk is directed to sign on our behalf the following communication to the Yearly Meeting.

To the Yearly Meeting

Dear Friends - The queries have been read in this Meeting with answers from each of our Monthly Meetings from which the following summary has been prepared as descriptive of our state which we forward to you in firmation by our Friends Rowland Greene & others as minutes of appointment whom we have appointed to attend the Yearly Meeting as our representatives - We received in due course the report of the committee in charge of the Boarding School. 400 copies of the London general epistle for 1851 and 150 of the printed minutes of our last Yearly Meeting - The above together with a number of the printed sheets of the new regulation of discipline concerning burying grounds have been distributed among our Monthly Meetings - We also received a minute relative to Stock, and our Treasurer has been directed to pay to the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting the amount thereby called for. The supply of memorials published last year and received through the Meeting for sufferings has been appointed among our Monthly Meetings - This Meeting has united with Providence Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Charles Hinton to the station of an Elder, and with Greenwich Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Guelma Fouborn to the same station -

General answers.

Ans 1st All our meetings have been attended except one small meeting omitted on account of the weather, those on first days and for discipline by friends generally; midweek meetings much neglected by some - the hour nearly observed, sleeping is given way to by some, of other unbecoming behavior pretty clear; some care taken in the above deficiencies

Ans 2^d Love and unity maintained amongst us with little exception, in which some can has been extended, detraction mostly guarded against; contented to end differences when they appear.

Ans 3rd Most friends are careful to bring up those under their care in plainness, and to restrain them from reading pernicious books, and from corrupt conversation, pretty good examples herein themselves, the Holy Scriptures are we believe frequently read in friends families

Ans 4th We believe friends are careful to avoid the use of spirituous liquors except for medicine, mostly clear of frequenting places of public resort; clear as it regards the other parts of this query

Ans 5th The circumstances of the poor are inspected, and their necessities relieved; their children freely partake of learning; and Friends children (with one exception) as far as appears have been placed among friends.

Ans 6th Parents and heads of families with the young unmarried are mostly careful that all proceedings with respect to marriage be conformable to our discipline

Ans 7th Clear with respect to the several testimonies recited in this query; except one account states that some of our members occasionally attend places of worship of other religious societies

Ans 8th Friends are generally careful to inspect their affairs and settle their accounts; to be punctual to their promises, and just in the payment of their debts, and careful to live within the bounds of their circumstances

Ans 9th Our records are generally well attended to, a few instances of removals without certificates

Ans 10th We endeavor to deal with offenders according to the query, and to place judgment according to discipline

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Newport 8th mo 11, 1853

By accounts received at this time from each of our Monthly Meetings it appears the following Friends are representatives to this Meeting. From Rhode Island Jos^a Gamel, George Anthony & Josiah Leach, Greenwich Peter Peck, Jos^a Furber & George Gould, Swansea Jacob H. Loring, & Abner Glade.

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in Isa. Thore, Providence Joseph M. H. Gilt Congdon &
Jos. C. P. Ham & South Kingston Hester Rich Barber & Timothy
C. Collins who are present except one

The Representatives to the Yearly Meeting reported
that they attended

The queries have been read in this Meeting with
answers to the 1.28.11th from each of our Monthly Meetings

We have rec^d the following minute from the Yearly
Meeting relative to stocks &c. we appoint Wm. & Robinson
Helen Glade & P. S. Peck a committee to consider what
additional sum may be required for the use of this Meeting.
They are also requested to examine & settle the Treasurer's
account, propose the name of a Friend to serve this Meeting
as Treasurer for the ensuing year & report at our next
Meeting.

We have rec^d extracts from the minutes
of the Yearly Meeting embracing the report of the committee
in charge of the Boarding School & a minute on the subject
of Slavery, which were read to our satisfaction

We have also rec^d 350 copies of the printed minutes of the
Yearly Meeting & 550 copies of the London general epistle
for 1852, for the supply of our monthly Meetings &
members. In reading the latter at the present time
we were instructed & comforted by the revival of the
truth & precept therein contained

At the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New-
England held on Rhode Island in the 6th mo 1853.
It was concluded to raise two thousand dollars for the
use of the Meeting the ensuing year; which the Quarterly
Meetings were requested to forward in the usual proportions
to David Buffum - Treasurer - The quota of Rhode Island
Quarterly Meeting is four hundred & sixty dollars (\$460
23 p^{cts}) From the minutes of the Meeting.

Samuel Boyet Tobey Clerk

The annual Report of the Boarding School Committee was laid before the meeting and read, received its deliberate consideration, was fully united with, the several propositions therein contained were approved and adopted, and the Clerk was directed to furnish copies of the Report to our several Quarterly and Monthly Meetings. It is as follows, viz:

"TO THE YEARLY MEETING:"

The Boarding School Committee Report: That the school being vacated at the time of the last Yearly Meeting, according to its direction, the Committee proceeded to make those repairs and improvements upon the buildings and premises which they believed the interests of the Institution and the convenience and comfort of its inmates required. Many alterations were made in the interior of the House, highly promotive of this end. The several school rooms, lodging and dining rooms have been much improved and newly furnished, together with many alterations in the centre building, and all the apartments are lighted with gas, very much to satisfaction.

Among the improvements upon the premises is the erection of a spacious and very convenient and substantial stone barn, sufficient, we believe, in its capacity for the purposes of the Institution. Some other out buildings have been erected and some altered and better adapted to their intended uses.

Soon after the building of the stone barn, a fire occurred on the premises, the origin of which has not been ascertained, by which nearly all that was combustible of the barn, together with a wooden barn, a corn-house, and one or two other small wooden buildings, two horses, and all the hay and fodder were consumed. The rebuilding of the stone barn, with enlarged dimensions, and the other necessary expenditures and loss accruing from this fire are estimated at about \$2500.

The expenditures for all the repairs and improvements, including the loss resulting from the fire have been \$13,804.96.

The Amount subscribed for these purposes at the time of our last Yearly Meeting was \$3,612, and since then, there have been collected and forwarded to the Treasurer of the School fund \$2732.75—making a total of - - - 6,344.75

Leaving an indebtedness of - - - \$7,460.21

We think it right to mention, that \$2000 of the sum subscribed since the Yearly Meeting, was received from our late dear friend George Howland, who, not long before his decease requested his executors to pay this amount to the School.

We would propose that \$6,500—the sum received for the sale of land authorized by the Yearly Meeting in 1847, should be appropriated towards the liquidation of this indebtedness.—This sum of \$6500 having by conclusion of the Yearly Meeting in 1847, when the sale of the land was authorized, and also in 1849 after the sale was completed, been funded, and the income of it concluded to be annually appropriated for the betterment of the real estate of the Institution—we think it best, that the appropriation now made of the principal, should be considered in the light of a loan to the School funds, the interest of which should be annually paid from the board and tuition fees received, and be expended in the permanent improvement of the real estate. And we indulge the hope that a way may be opened, by which this loan may be repaid, by the liberality of Friends, so that the principal of it may be replaced and reinvested for the permanent use to which it was concluded to be appropriated.

The accounts of the Institution for the past year have been examined and settled, by which it appears, that there have been received from the income of the School Fund during the past year - - - \$6,936.40

From the Charity Fund - - - 430.00

From the Farm Fund - - - 390.00

From Scholars for board, tuition &c. one Term, including a balance of \$286.65 in Superintendent's hands last year - - - 4,915.14

And from other sources - - - 1,388.44

Making a total of - - - \$14,059.98

The expenditures of the Institution exclusive of the amount stated above for repairs and improvements, and including \$489.72 from Treasurer's account have been - - - \$12,555.76

The balance now in Treasurer's and Principal's hands is - - - \$544.01

At the time of our Report last year the debt of the Institution was about \$2500. Should the Yearly Meeting approve of appropriating the \$6,500, as we have proposed, it will be seen that the indebtedness of the School will then be \$1955.99.

In view of the accommodation of the Institution it was believed that the most efficient to this effect was forwarded to the several Monthly Meetings.

At the time proposed, first of the 11th month, the school was

attended most of the time. A few who were admitted, from ill health or other causes, having failed to come.

Our friends Charles Atherton and Gertrude E. Whittier as Principals, assisted by Edward G. Hoag, William L. Dean, Pamela C. Varney, Lydia M. Neal, Elizabeth Prosser, and Charles F. Brownell as Instructor in Latin and Greek, have acceptably filled the places of Teachers. Mary Atherton has also been usefully engaged in the Institution. Our friends Levi Varney and his wife, acceptably occupied the stations of steward and matron during a part of the term; but owing to the delicate state of the health of the latter, they were released at their own request, and Hannah Allen now fills the place of matron. Whether any additional assistance will be required in the domestic department remains to be determined.

By the conclusion of the Yearly Meeting the Committee may admit into the school, besides our own members, those connected with our society or who are being brought up as Friends, as well as members of other Yearly Meetings, when the accommodations of the School will permit. We are of the opinion that none should ever be received to the exclusion of our members, but that it is safe for the Yearly Meeting to confide to its Committee, appointed from year to year, a discretionary power to extend the privileges of the Institution, when they are not occupied by our own members, to those and those only who, they believe will be exemplary in their conduct and faithfully observe the requisitions of the School in all respects. As the cost of living and other expenses, are greater than they were at the time the existing prices were established, it is evident that some change herein is required, and we would propose, that the charge per Term should be \$36, for members of our Yearly Meeting; \$50, when one or both parents are members of this Yearly Meeting, or the children are being brought up as Friends, or are sent at the charge of members of this Yearly Meeting, and also for members of our Society of other Yearly Meetings, and \$64 for any others that may be admitted—that \$5 per Term additional charge be made for instruction either in the Ancient Languages, in French or in Drawing—payments to be made half at the commencement and half at the middle of each Term—books and stationery being furnished as last year at actual cost. With these prices and a careful economy, it is to be hoped that the current expenses of the school will be met.

We would propose that the summer term should commence on fourth day before the first fifth day in the fifth month, and continue until fourth day four weeks previous to the commencement of the winter term—that the winter term should begin on fourth day before the first fifth day in the eleventh month, and continue until fourth day, four weeks before the commencement of the summer term. We apprehend that a period of twenty two weeks continuous study, is as long as will be useful to the pupils or consistent with the health of the teachers, and that four weeks vacation in the spring and autumn will not prove more than is requisite for the proper preparation of the house, and other necessary arrangements for the ensuing term.

As the number to be admitted is limited to 80 of each sex, it will be necessary that the Committee should be seasonably informed of all in this Yearly Meeting that desire to occupy places in the school, in order that they may determine, how many others, if any, may be received. Applications should therefore in all cases be made seasonably to be laid before the meetings of the Committee held on third day before the first fifth day in the ninth month, for those who desire to attend during the winter term—and on third day before the first fifth day in the third month for those wishing to attend the summer term. Monthly Meetings desirous of occupying the privilege of the Charitable Fund are requested to send their applications in season for the meeting of the Committee in the ninth month, and to specify whether they desire it during the winter or succeeding summer term. All communications respecting the admission of scholars may be addressed to one of the principal teachers.

The following regulation was adopted by the Committee in the eleventh month last viz: "It is expected that scholars will be at the school punctually at the commencement of the term, but if circumstances occur to prevent such attendance, notice is to be forwarded to the principal teachers, within one week of that time, stating whether or not their places are desired to be reserved for them. A failure to attend the school or to give the notice above specified shall be considered a relinquishment of the privilege, unless again admitted by the Committee, and in all cases of children being admitted for the term and attending the school, it is expected that payment will be made for the term."

The earliest age at which children can be admitted into the school as now established by the Yearly Meeting is eight years. We would suggest to Friends that at this tender age, they are not likely to derive that benefit from being placed in the Institution which more maturity would probably give. We also

one term can confer very little benefit upon the scholars, and is a great interruption to the classes. We desire that applications for such admissions may be discouraged.

Early after the opening of the school in the eleventh month, there were several cases of serious indisposition; one of which viz;—that of Joseph H. Crocker, a member of Nantucket Monthly Meeting, a lad of about 16 years of age, resulted fatally after an illness of a little more than two days. In reference to this solemn event the following minute was entered upon our records, viz: "In the removal of this dear young man by a sudden attack of inflammation of the stomach, the family and scholars were, we think, brought deeply to feel the uncertainty of life; and while we tenderly sympathize with his bereaved parents and friends, we are led to believe that the solemnizing effect of this dispensation may be blessed to those with whom he was associated, and lead them more and more to seek for preservation from Him with whom are the issues of life."

Near the close of the term, the scarlet fever prevailed to some extent among the scholars, producing much anxiety with parents and great unsettlement in the school. Many of the scholars were removed by their friends and the greater part of those that remained being desirous to leave, it became evident that little benefit would be likely to result from any attempt to continue the school, and the term was therefore closed about two weeks sooner than it would have been in ordinary course.

The Committee after solid deliberation came to the conclusion at the commencement of the term to re-establish the meeting for religious worship in the school house on first day mornings—and that the family and scholars should continue to attend on first day afternoon and in the middle of the week, the meetings of Friends held in the city of Providence. At nearly all the meetings held in the Institution some of the Committee have been present. They have been seasons of comfort to us, and we think it right thankfully to record our renewed sense of the Lord's goodness, and that He continues graciously to bless the concern and efforts to promote and secure in this school, the guarded, religious education of our youth.

We commend the Institution with all its present advantages to the increased attention of Friends.

Signed on behalf and by direction of the School Committee

STEPHEN A. CHASE, Clerk.

Providence, 5th mo. 31st, 1853."

The following minute was adopted, viz:

"The testimony of our religious society against the iniquitous system of slavery as it exists in some parts of our highly favored country which has now for a long series of years been dear to Friends, and, as they have believed, has been incumbent upon them faithfully to uphold, as a religious testimony, and to be borne on religious grounds, is we trust regarded by Friends as increasingly important.

It is and must be matter of grief and concern to Friends, that the tendency of the legislation of our country should be in any way designed to foster, perpetuate or protect this system so full of evil, or that under any contingency any of us or our fellow countrymen, and especially those who are comparatively free from immediate connection with it, should be required by such legislation to aid in its support.

We believe that Friends are called upon faithfully to maintain the testimony to their abiding conviction that slavery in its nature and in its effects is wholly inconsistent with the principles of our holy religion, which teaches that "one is your Master even Christ and all ye are brethren." How different are its requirements from that divine precept of our blessed Lord, "All things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them, for this is the law and the prophets."

A system thus characterized by evil is so entirely opposed to our religious profession, that we cannot sanction or uphold it in any degree, without at the same time being unfaithful and inconsistent—hence no compromises, no human agreements, no human enactments even, can render its support just or right.

We repeat—the testimony of the Society of Friends against slavery is a religious one and is to be borne on religious ground alone—with firmness yet with meekness—in humility, in love, in faith and with a single eye to our duty and accountability to Him who created us—with no view to worldly advantage or to please men, but with singleness of purpose as unto God.

We believe the testimony of Friends on this subject, consistently borne, is and has been in the hands of an all wise Providence, among the means by which, as it is to be hoped, the evils of slavery are to be done away. How important then that we be faithful herein. We are engaged earnestly to exhort all Friends that they continue to bear this testimony unflinchingly before the world, and against the requirements of slavery in all their forms, as well as against every measure calculated to strengthen or perpetuate this lamentable evil."

From the Minutes of the Meeting.
SAMUEL BOYD TORREY, Clerk.



W. Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting & Annual
held at Somerset 11th mo 3 1833

By accounts received at this time from each of
our Monthly Meetings, the following Friends are
representatives to this Meeting, viz from R. Island
Jacob Mott Abraham Barker & Jona Dennis, Greenwich
Marinus Parker Mr Reynolds & Peter Park, Sabersden
Tobiah Annis & Lincoln & Hoz. Buffington from
Providence Tama² Haskell John² Haskins & Jami Dennis
South Kingston Mr & Perry & Edward W Collins who are
present.

Our beloved Friend James Mc Laughlin
attended this Meeting & produced a minute from
his Monthly Meeting expressing unity with his
Ministry & present religious engagement - His company
& religious services have been acceptable to us

Our esteemed Friend Joseph Taber attended
this Meeting as companion to our Friend Jos. Mc
Laughlin & produced a minute from Unity Monthly
Meeting expressing unity with his present engagement
His company has been acceptable to us.

The queries have been read in this
meeting with answers to the 1 & 2^d 10th from each of our
Monthly Meetings

The Committee appointed to settle
the Treasurer and for other purposes presented
the following report which is satisfactory & we accordingly
appoint Welcome Congdon to serve this Meeting
as Treasurer for the year ensuing & our Monthly
Meetings are requested to forward to him their
respective proportions of the amount therein called
for.

To the Quarterly Meeting - The accounts
of the Treasurer have been examined & sixty seven & 66¹⁰⁰
dollars found in his hands - We propose the sum
of five hundred dollars to be raised for the use of
the Quarterly Meeting, and the name of Welcome
Congdon for Treasurer for the ensuing year

Providence

on behalf of the committee

11th mo 22. 1833

Wm. F. Robinson

180 With the concurrence of the Women's Meeting we unite with Rhode Island M^o. Meeting in acknowledging the gift & approving the public appearance in the Ministry of Levi Hony.

We have received the following request from a committee of R.I. M^o. Meeting - ^{Stephen} The appoint^{ed} Peter Peck & John Hude Janes, Lemis W. Perry & Ellis Gifford to unite with a committee of the women meeting & to report attention to the subject at a future meeting - The committee of R.I. Monthly Meeting requests the Quarterly Meeting to appoint a committee to confer with them on the subject of Elders on behalf of the committee
11th mo 1/1853 Geo Anthony.

The clerk is directed to sign on our behalf & furnish the Friends in attendance with a copy of the minutes made on their ~~behalf~~ account.

A Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Providence 2nd mo 1854

By accounts received from each of our Monthly Meetings the representatives to this Meeting are from R. Island
Geo. Anthony, Jacobus Nutt & Stephen Chase.

Greenwich Peter Peck for Farnborn & Merriam
Parker. Swansea Edmund Chase Moss, Buffington
& David Shore. Providence for Congdon The
Shankup & Jos. Metcalf. S. Kingston W. S. Perry &
Timothy Collins who are present except one for
whom absence a sufficient reason was assigned.

David Shore on behalf of the representatives
informed the meeting that several of them had
conferred together & were united in proposing Gilbert
Congdon for clerk & The S. Gifford for assistant clerk
which being approved by the meeting they are
appointed to these offices for the year ensuing.

Our beloved friend Ruben Jones, attached
to this meeting and present a minute from Dutchess
Monthly Meeting expressing unity with his ministry
& present religious engagement. His company & religion

services have been acceptable to us.

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Our beloved friend Mr. Farr attended this meeting as companion to our friend Reuben Jones & presented a minute from Litchfield Monthly meeting expressing unity with his present engagement & his company has been acceptable to us.

We have at this time the acceptable company of several of the committee appointed by the Yearly Meeting to visit subordinate Meetings families & individuals, who presented the minutes of their appointment which was read at this time.

The clerk is directed to sign on our behalf & furnish the Friends with us ^{with certificates} copies of the minutes made on their account.

Rhode Island Greenwich & Kingston Monthly Meetings inform that they have directed their Treasurers to pay ours the amounts, respectively called for in the 15th month last.

The queries have been read in this meeting with answers to the 1. 2 & 10th paragraph of our monthly meetings.

Our beloved friend Abigail & Madeline a Minister in unity with us opened in this meeting a prospect of religious service within the limits of Ferrisburg, Nassauborough & Fairfield Quarterly Meetings ^{& some meetings} within the limits of Salmouth Dover & Salem Quarterly Meetings as expressed in a minute from Providence Monthly Meeting - The Concern was fully united with & she left at liberty to attend thereto under the guidance of Best Wisdom. And the clerk is directed to sign on our behalf an endorsement embracing the substance of the foregoing -

A testimony from Rhode Island Monthly Meeting concerning our late beloved friend Elizabeth Abbing, was read & approved, & the clerk was directed to enclose thereon a minute to this effect & forward it to the meeting for sufferings.

The committee appointed at our last meeting to confer with a committee of Rhode Island Monthly Meeting reported that they have attended to their appointment -

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At Rhodh Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends
held at C. Greenwich 5th mo. 4. 1854

By accounts rec^d from each of our Monthly Meetings,
the representatives are from R. Island Geo Anthony
Jacob Chace & Jacob Mott

from Greenwich Beniah Collins Wm Reynolds & Mrs C
Gale from Swansea Thos Gifford David Shore & Mrs
Burrington Providence Thos Harkness William
Congdon & Gideon C Smith. from S. Kingston Thos Perry
& John T Nichols who are present except in a few cases
absent a sufficient reason was assigned.

The queries have been read at this time
with answers thereto from each of our Monthly Meetings,
from which the following have been accepted as
descriptive of our state which we forward for the
information of the Yearly Meeting by our Friends
Rowland Green, Jos Mott, John Menden David
Burrum Jacob Chace Thos Gifford, Wm Perry &
Gideon Congdon whom we appoint our representatives.

Information has been rec^d at this time that
the Treasurers of Swansea & Providence Monthly Meetings
have paid and the respective amounts called for in
the 11th mo last & our Treasurer is directed to pay to the
Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting the amount called for by
minute of last year.

In consequence of the decease of our late dear
Friend John A Mott who held the station of
correspondent of R. I. Monthly Meeting, we would
propose to the Yearly Meeting that David Burrum
be appointed to fill the vacancy.

With the concurrence of the women's
meeting we unite with R. I. Monthly Meeting in
the appointment of Jacob Chace & Jacob Mott to the
station of Elders.

A testimony of R. I. Monthly Meeting concerning
our late beloved Friend Hannah Dennis was read & approved.
The clerk was directed to endorse thereon a minute to this
effect & forward it to the Meeting for Sufferings.

The clerk was directed to sign on our behalf the
following communication to the Yearly Meeting.

Dear Friends. The queries have been read in this Meeting with answers from each of our Monthly Meetings from which the following summary has been prepared as description of our state, which we forward for your information by our Friend Rowland Gurne whom we have appointed to attend the Yearly Meeting as our representatives—

We rec'd in due course extracts from the minutes of the Yearly Meeting embracing the report of the committee in charge of the Boarding School & a minute on the subject of Slavery, copies of which were forwarded to our Monthly Meetings. We also rec'd 350 copies of the printed minutes of Y^l Meeting & 550 of the London General Epistle for 1852; for the supply of our Monthly Meetings & Members.

Our Treasurer has paid to the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting the Am^t called for by minute of last year.

With the concurrence of the Womens Meeting we have united with R^S Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gift & approving the public appearance in the ministry of Levi Almy. With the concurrence of the womens Meeting we unite with R^S Monthly Meeting in appointing Josiah Leach & Annie Mott to the Station of Elders.

In consequence of the dismission of our late dear Friend John F. Mitchell who occupied the station of correspondent of R^S Monthly Meeting we would propose that David Buffum be appointed to fill the vacancy.

General answers—

Ans 1st All our Meetings for religious worship and discipline have been attended—Those on First days by Friends generally—Middle week Meetings and those for discipline much neglected by some—The hour nearly observed, clear of interfering behaviour as far as appears, except some instances of sleeping—

Ans 2nd Love and unity are generally maintained and detractors mostly guarded against—No differences have come to our knowledge

Ans 3 Most Friends are careful to bring up those under their direction in plainness of speech behaviour & apparel and to restrain them from pernicious reading & corrupt conversation—Mostly good examples herein themselves—We believe the Holy Scriptures are frequently read in

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in Friends families -

4th Friends are careful to avoid the use of spiritous liquors with one exception - generally clear of frequenting taverns & places of public resort yet there are some deficiencies in these respects - some can take - careful in the other parts of this query

5th The circumstances of the poor are attended to and their necessities relieved their children partake of learning none placed out

6th Parents and heads of families with the young and unmarried are mostly careful that all proceedings with respect to marriage be conformable to our discipline -

7th We believe our Testimonies are maintained in these particulars except in a few instances of some of young friends attending other meetings some can take -

8th We believe friends are generally careful in these particulars except in an instance or two a want of punctuality to promises -

9th Marriages duly recorded births deaths & burials nearly all, some removals without certificates -

10th Friends generally careful to deal with offenders as queried after, and to place judgment when necessary according to discipline.

11 Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Newport 8th mo 3. 1854

By accounts rec^d at this time from each of our Monthly Meetings it appears the following Friends are representatives to this Meeting. From Rhode Island Jos^{ph} James Jacob Mott & Levi Long. Greenwich Mrs C Cook & Mrs Reynolds. Swansea John Slack & Edmund White. Providence Elisha C Smith. Tiverton Markell & The New Hampshire from Kingston Timothy C Collins & Mr S Perry who are present

The Representatives appointed to attend the Yearly Meeting reported that they attended.

The queries have been read at this time with answers in the 1st 2^d & 10th from each of our Monthly Meetings

Our beloved friend John S. Goffey attended this Meeting and produced certificates from Greenwich Monthly Meeting & Abner Cook Quarterly Meeting. Ohio expressed

unity with his ministry & present religious engagement.
 His company & religious services have been acceptable to us
 & the clerk is directed to sign on our behalf & furnish him with
 a copy of this minute.

We have read at this time from the Yearly Meeting
 the report of the committee in charge of the boarding school &
 the following minute relative to defonate answers to the
 queries — Our Monthly Meetings have been early supplied
 with the same & with 400 copies of the printed minutes of the Yearly
 Meeting for the present year (see minute at the end of this book)

We have also received 400 copies of the London general
 Register for 1853 for the supply of our Monthly Meetings & members,
 the reading of one of which at the present time has been pleasing
 & comforting to us.

We have also rec^d. 600 copies of the address on
 Peace issued by our late Yearly Meeting, and through the
 Meeting for Sufferings 250 copies of the Memorials recently
 published by direction of the Yearly Meeting, all to be
 apportioned among our Monthly Meetings, the latter
 for our members & the former for Friends & others —

Our beloved friend Huldah A. Mather returned
 at this time the certificate granted her in the 2^d month last with
 the information that through mercy she had been enabled to
 perform the little service she then had in prospect to the
 relief and peace of her mind — She also presented minutes

From Fairfield, Passaborough, Falmouth & Dover Quarterly Meetings
 & from Unity, Passaborough & Ichina Monthly Meetings, also from the
 Falmouth, Peru & Ferrisburg
 Monthly Meetings within the limits of the Yearly Meeting —
 expressing satisfaction with her company & religious services
 all of which is satisfactory to us.

Our beloved Friend Elizabeth Mather
 a minister in unity with us opened in this Meeting a
 prospect of attending in the love of the Gospel the
 approaching Yearly Meeting of Indiana & of attending
 a few meetings within the limits thereof, also of
 visiting some Plans going & returning & of appointing some
 meetings among Friends & others, as expressing in a
 certificate granted her by Providence Monthly Meeting.

The Council claimed our serious deliberation & was fully
 satisfied with & she left at liberty to attend to the same

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under the guidance of But wisdom & we appoint Jos.
Metcalf David Buffum Edmund Chace & Saml Boyd. To be
a committee to give any necessary attention to the
case.

We have received the following minute from
the Yearly Meeting relative to Stock & we appoint
Gideon W Smith, Anna Glade & David Buffum
a committee to consider what additional sum may
be needed for the use of this Meeting examine &
settle the Treasurers account and propose the sum of a
Fund to serve this Meeting as Treasurer for the year
ensuing — see minute below

Permission is granted to South Kingston Me.
Meeting to dispose of the Meeting House at Town Hill
if build another one, when sufficient means can be obtained
by subscription, according to their request

At the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England
held at Rhode Island in the 6th month 1854

It was concluded to raise two thousand dollars for the use of
this Meeting the ensuing year which the Quarterly Meetings
are requested to forward in the usual proportions, to David
Buffum our Treasurer — The quota of Rhode Island Quarterly
Meeting is Four hundred & sixty dollars (\$460) 23 per cent —

From the Minutes of the Meeting
Saml Boyd Tobey, Clerk

At Rhode Island Yearly Meeting of Friends
held at Somerset 11th Mo 2, 1854

By accounts rec^d at this time from each of our monthly
meetings it appears the following Friends are Representatives
to this Meeting viz From R^d Island David Buffum Josiah
Chace & Jos E. Macomber, Greenwich Beniah Collins
Jon^a Furber & Mr Reynolds, Swansea William Chace
David Shaw & Oliver Earle, Providence Tho. Marking
Gid W Smith, John Marshall S Kingston W S Perry
& Eld^r W Collins, who are present

The queries have been read in this Meeting with
answers to the 1 28/10th from each of our monthly Meetings

The Committee appointed to settle the Treasurers
account & for other purposes presented the following report
which is accepted & we accordingly appoint William Conger

Treasurer of this, Meeting for the quarter ending your monthly meetings are requested to forward to him their respective proportions of the amount therein called for.

The Committee to settle the Treasurer's account report that they have attended to the appointment and find a balance due him of ten dollars & two cents 10^{cts}. They would recommend the sum of five hundred & fifty dollars (\$550) to be raised and Melrose Congregational Treasurer.

Somerset 11th Mo. 2. 1854.

Richard C. Bond (for the Abner Hodge Committee)

The appoint Pres Peck David Buffum Jos Mearns & the Hartnups a committee to write and a committee of the women meeting in considering the subject referred to in the following communication from Swansea Monthly Meeting.

To Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting now sitting

We a committee appointed by Swansea monthly meeting in the 7th mo last for the purpose of bringing forward one or more names for the station of Elders, request agreeable to the provision of our discipline that a committee be appointed to confer with us thereon.

On behalf of the committee

Somerset 11th Mo. 2. 1854

Wm Grace
Phoebe S. Anthony

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Providence 2nd Mo. 1853

By accounts received from each of our Monthly Meetings it appears the following Friends are representatives to this Meeting, viz From Rhode Island Geo. Anthony Jacob Mott & Geo. Brown from Greenwich Marinus Parker Peter Peck & Jonathan Peck, Swansea, Edmund Chase, Silly Gifford & Anna Hodge. Providence Joseph Mearns, John Boyd, John & Melrose Congregational, & from S. Kingston Wm S. Perry & Hesteriah Babcock who are present.

Peter Peck on behalf of the Representatives informed the meeting that they had conferred together & were united in proposing Gilbert Congdon for clerk & The S. Gifford assistant clerk, which being approved by the meeting, they are accordingly appointed to them.

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offices for the year ensuing.

The Committee appointed at our last meeting to confer with a committee of Swansea Monthly Meeting relative to the subject referred to in the communication from that meeting report that they attended to their appointment.

With the concurrence of the women's meeting we unite with Swansea mo. meeting in the appointment of Joseph Ester & Eunice Ester to the Station of Elders.

Swansey Monthly Meeting inform they have paid their proportion of stock to our Treasurer and R. Selam. Greenwich & S. Kingston monthly meetings inform that they have directed the payment of shares.

The queries have been read at this time with answers to the 12 & 10th from each of our monthly meetings.

Our beloved friend Elizabeth Hender returned at this time the certificate granted her by this meeting in the 8th mo last with the information that through the tender mercies of our Heavenly Father, she had been enabled to perform her apprehended duty to the peace of her ~~mind~~.

She also presented a minute from the Yearly Meeting of Indiana, Spiceland & Northern Quarterly Meetings & Back Creek & Mississippi annual meetings expressing that she had acceptably attended these ^{same} meetings - all of which is satisfactory to us.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting held at East Greenwich 5th mo 3. 1855

By accounts received at this time from each of our Monthly Meetings, from which it appears the following Friends are representatives to this Meeting - viz
From Rhode Island Josiah Wham Geo Anthony & Jacob Mott. Greenwich Peter Peck Jr & Furburn & Rowland Green. Swansea Ellis Gifford W. Wham Abner Slack & Asa Grove. Providence Joseph Mitealy Gideon C. Smith & Gilbert Congdon & South Kingston

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Timothy & Collins & Eldon ~~W~~ Collins, who are present.

Our beloved Friend Isaac Jay attended this Meeting and presented minutes from Mississinawa Mo. Meeting and Northern Quarterly Meeting Indiana, expressing unity with Ministry and present religious engagement. His company & religious services have been acceptable to us.

Our returned Friend Luke Thomas, attended this meeting as companion to our Friend Isaac Jay, & presented a minute from New Garden Monthly Meeting Indiana expressing unity with him as an Elder & with his present engagement. His company has been acceptable to us.

The clerk is directed to sign on our behalf & furnish the Friends in attendance, copies of the minutes made on their ~~behalf~~ account.

The queries have been read at this time with answers from each of our monthly meetings from which the following summary has been adopted as descriptive of our state, which we forward for the information of the Yearly Meeting by our Friends Rowland Green Stephen Chase Joseph Stetson Edmund Chase, Abner Slack David Buffum, Wm A Robinson John Meader W S Perry & Saml Boyd Tobey whom we appoint our Representatives.

Ans 1st All our Meetings for religious worship and discipline have been attended except three small ones, two of which were omitted on account of the weather and the other on account of the funeral of Friend, near by. Those on the First day of the week by Friends generally - mid week meetings and those for discipline have been much neglected by some. The hour observed - clear of unbecoming behaviour - a few cases of sleeping excepted.

Ans 2nd Love and unity are generally maintained and distraction mostly guarded against. No differences have come to our knowledge.

Ans 3rd Friends generally endeavor to bring up those under their direction in plainness as required after, and to restrain them from pernicious reading and corrupt conversation - Mostly exemplary herein ~~therein~~.

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The Holy Scriptures are frequently read in Friends families -
Ans 4th We believe spiritous liquors are confined to medicinal uses - frequenting of taverns & places of public resort mostly avoided - Modestation and temperance observed in the occupations referred to -

Ans 5th The circumstances of the poor an attendance to ~~the~~ Friends children partate of learning as quered after - one placed out from among Friends -

Ans 6th Parents and heads of families with the young and unmarried are generally careful that all proceedings with respect to marriage be conformable to discipline

Ans 7th Clean as far as appears -

Ans 8th We believe Friends are careful to inspect their affairs & to settle their accounts, are punctual to their promises with one or two exceptions and just in the payment of their debts. and careful to live within the bounds of their circumstances.

Ans 9th Careful as to Records, a few removals without certificates mostly under notice.

10th Friends are engaged to deal with offenders in accordance with the query and to place judgment when necessary agreeably to discipline

A testimony from Quenich Monthly Meeting concerning our late beloved Friend Thomas Anthony was received at this time, and being read & approved the clerk is directed to enclose therein a copy of this minute & forward it to the Meeting for Sufferings

Providence Monthly Meeting inform that they have directed the payment to our Treasurer of the amount called for in the 11th month last.

Our Treasurer is directed to pay to the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting the amount called for by minute of last year.

The clerk is directed to sign on our behalf the following communication to the Yearly Meeting!

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held at East Greenwich 5 Mo 3^d 1855

To the Yearly Meeting.

Dear Friends,

The queries have been read in this Meeting with answers from each of our Monthly Meetings from which the following summary has been adopted as descriptive of our state which we forward for your information by our Friends Rowland Greene, Stephen Chace, Joseph Metcalf, Edmund Chace, Abner Slade, David Buffum, W^m A Robinson, John Meader W^m S Perry and Samuel Boyd Tobey, whom we have appointed our representatives to attend the Yearly Meeting.

We received in due course the report of the Committee in charge of the Boarding School and a minute relative to definite answers to the queries; our Monthly Meetings were early supplied with the same and with 400 copies of the printed minutes of the Yearly Meeting.

We also received 400 copies of the London general Epistle for 1853 for the supply of our Monthly Meetings and members the reading of one of which was edifying and comforting to us.

Also 600 copies of the address on Peace and 250 copies of the memorials last published were received and apportioned among our Monthly Meetings.

With the concurrence of the womens meeting we have united with Swansea Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Joseph Estes and Eunice Estes to the station of Elders.

Our Treasurer has paid to the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting the amount called for by minute of last year.

Signed by direction
and on behalf of the Meeting aforesaid.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Newport 8th mo 2, 1853

By accounts rec^d at this time from each of our
monthly Meetings it appears the following
Friends are representatives to this meeting, viz
from Rhode Island David Buffum Jacob Whaw
& Isaac Hathaway, from Greenwich Wm Reynolds
Pierce Peck & John Freborn, Swansea Tho S Gifford
Obadiah Chase & Jervis Shove, Providence
John Meade Tho Markrup & Helen C Smith
& from South Kingston Timothy C Collins & W S Perry
who are present.

The representatives to the Yearly Meeting
reported that they attended except one, who rendered
to the Y^{ly} Meeting a satisfactory reason for absence

The queries have been read at this time with answers
from to the 1. 2 & 10th from ^{each of} the monthly meetings

Our beloved Friend Moses McBride a minister in
unity with us opened in this meeting a prospect
which has attracted his mind for some time past
to attend in Gospel love the approaching Yearly
Meetings of Ohio & Indiana and if way opens
for it to visit meetings among Friends and
appoint some among others within their limits of
travel. This concern after deliberate
consideration was united with & he left at liberty
to attend to the same under the direction of best
Advice - and we appoint Jos. Stetcalff
Sam^l Boyce Tobey & David Buffum a committee
to give any necessary attention to the case

The clerk is directed to sign in our behalf
the following as an endorsement to the certificate
from Providence Monthly Meeting, ^{presented} &
read at this time.

Our beloved Friend Moses McBride a minister in
unity with us, opened in this meeting a prospect of religious
service within the limits of Ohio & Indiana Yearly Meetings

as set forth in the within certificate from Providence Monthly Meeting - This Concern claimed our deliberate consideration and was united with, and he left at liberty to proceed therein under the guidance of best wisdom.

The reading at the present time of the Lincoln General Epistle for 1854 was edifying & encouraging to us & 425 copies of the same have been received for distribution among our meetings & members; and we have also rec^d in due course with which our monthly meetings have been supplied, 400 copies of the printed minutes of our last Yearly Meeting, & a sufficient number of printed extracts embracing the report of the committee in charge of the Boarding School & the conclusions of the Yearly Meeting relative to the same.

Our beloved Friend Obadiah Leach a Minister in unity with us opened in this meeting a prospect, of attending the approaching Yearly Meeting of Indiana, and to visit in the love of the Gospel some of the meetings & if way opens for it to appoint a few ~~among the members~~ within the limits of the same. This concern claimed our careful attention & was united with & he left at liberty to proceed therein under the direction of best wisdom & we appoint Edmund Leach Jrs. Gester & David Durr to give any necessary attention to the case.

The clerk is directed to sign on our behalf the following as an endorsement to the ~~above~~ certificate from Swansea Monthly Meeting presented & read at this time.

Our beloved Friend Obadiah Leach a Minister in unity with us opened in this Meeting a prospect of religious service within the limits of Indiana & reflecting as expressed in the within certificate from Swansea Monthly Meeting. This Concern claimed our careful consideration and was united with & he left at liberty to proceed therein as Truth may open the way.

We have rec^d the following minute from the Yearly Meeting relative to Stock & we appoint Thomas Harkness Edmund Leach & David Buffum a committee to consider what additional sum may be required for the use of this meeting, examine & settle the Treasurers account. propose the name of a Prince

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to serve this meeting as Treasurer for the year ensuing
& report at our next meeting.

It was further decided of Friends for New England
held on Rhode Island in the 6th mo 1855.

It is concluded to raise fifteen hundred dollars for the
use of this meeting the ensuing year which the Quarterly
meetings are requested to forward to David Buffum our
Treasurer. The quota of Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting
is three hundred & forty five dollars (\$345) 23 per cent.

From the minutes of the Meeting
Signed Saml Boyd Tobey Clerk

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends
held at Somerset 18th mo 1st 1855

By accounts recd at this time from each of our Monthly
Meetings it appears the following ^{Friends} are representatives to this
Meeting viz From Rhode Island Jacob Chace Geo Anthony
& Wm Richardson. Greenwich Marinus Parker & Peter
Peck, from Swansea Mr Chace Simpson Buffington
& Asa Shove, from Providence Joseph Mately Saml
Boyd Tobey & James Dennis, & Kingston W S Perry &
Edward W Collins who are present

The queries have been read at this time with answer
to the 12 & 10th from each of our Monthly Meetings.

The committee appointed at our last meeting to
propose the name of a Friend to serve this meeting as
Treasurer and for other purposes presented the following
report which is accepted & we accordingly appoint
Belcom Congdon our Treasurer for the year ensuing
and our Monthly Meetings are requested to forward
to him their respective proportions of the sum therein
called for.

To Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting
The Committee on the Treasury have examined and
settled the Treasurer's account and find a balance
due him of sixty four dollars & 17 cents. They propose
that Nine hundred dollars be raised for the use of
the Meeting and Belcom Congdon for Treasurer
Providence 16th mo 13. 1855
Thomas Perkins
for the Committee

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Peter Peck David Buffum W. S. Perry & Turner
Haskell & Thomas S. Gifford are appointed a committee
to unite with a similar committee of the women's meeting
to confer with the Elders of Providence Monthly meeting
in conformity with the following communication from
them. { The Elders of Providence Monthly Meeting
are united in requesting the Quarterly Meeting to
appoint a Committee with whom they may consult.
Providence 10th Mo. 24. 1855. Joseph M. Nitchell

Our Treasurer is directed to pay Greenwich Monthly
Meeting Three hundred & fifty dollars of the amount
expended on the Meeting House Lot in East Greenwich,
in conformity with their request—

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at
Providence 2nd Mo. 7th 1856—

By accounts received at this time from each of our
Monthly Meetings it appears that the following friends are
Representatives to this Meeting viz— from Rhode Island
David Buffum, Jacob Chace and Stephen Chace— Greenwich
Peter Peck, Jonathan Freeborn and Marenus Parker—
Swansey— Joseph C. Anthony, Abner Slade and Lewis Thore—
Providence— Thomas Warkner, Gideon C. Smith and Melrose Compton,
South Kingston— William S. Perry and John T. Nichols, who
are present except two—

David Buffum on behalf of the Representatives reported
that they were united in proposing the appointment of Gilbert
Condon for Clerk and Thomas S. Gifford as assistant Clerk—
which being united with they are appointed to those services
for the year ensuing—

The Clerk being absent Samuel B. Bond is appointed
Clerk for the day—

The Quinquaginta have been read in this Meeting with
answers to the 1st, 2nd and 10th from each of our Monthly Meetings.

Rhode Island, Greenwich and Swansey Monthly Meetings
unanimously report that they have directed the payment to our
Treasurer of the stock called for in the 11th month—

The Committee appointed at our last meeting on account of the request from the Elders of Providence Monthly Meeting report that they have given attention to the object of their appointment and still have the subject under their consideration —

Our friend Okadiah Chace at this time returned the Certificate granted him in the 8th month last and presented Minutes from Indiana Yearly Meeting, Blue River Quarterly Meeting, Dover Monthly Meeting and Center Monthly Meeting, Ohio — expressing that he had acceptably attended those meetings — He also informed us that he had been favored to attend to the religious service which he believed required of him to the relief of his mind — All of which is satisfactory to us —

Samuel Boyd Tobey — Clerk for the day

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends
held at East Greenwich 5th mo 1. 1856

By accounts received at this time from each of our Monthly Meetings it appears the following Friends are representatives to this meeting — viz From Rhode Island Jacob Chace, Gay Anthony & Geo Bowen, Greenwich Solomon R Knowles, Peter Peck & Mrs Reynolds, Swansea Joseph Estes, Moses Buffington & Nathan Chace, Providence Samuel Boyd Tobey, Gilbert Congdon & Turner Marshall — South Kingston Hesteriah Babcock & Mrs S Parry who are present except one —

The queries have been read at this time with the following answers thereto from each of our Monthly Meetings, and the following Summary has been adopted as description of our state, which we forward for the information of the Yearly Meeting by our Friends Rowland Green, David Buffum, Samuel Boyd Tobey, Tho S. Gifford, Joseph Mitealf, John Meader, Timothy C Collins, John Froborn, Josiah Chace & Peter Peck, whom we appoint our representatives to attend the Yearly Meeting —

Q^uery 1st All our Meetings for religious worship and discipline have been attended except ^{nineteen} eighteen, three of which were attended by one Friend —

198/ promises has not been regarded - ~~under~~ one of which is under notice -

Ans 9th Records appear to be pretty well attended to, & few removals reported without certificates - some can taken -

Ans 10th We believe Friends are concerned to deal with offenders in the spirit and manner required by our Discipline and to place judgment agreeably thereto -

Providence & South Kingston Monthly Meetings report that they have paid to the Treasurer of this Meeting the amounts respectively called for in the 11th m. last

Our Treasurer is directed to pay to the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting the amount called for by minute of last year

The committee appointed in conformity with the request from the Elders of Providence Monthly Meeting, report that they have attended to the duties of their appointment -

The clerk is directed to sign on our behalf the following communication to the Yearly Meeting -

To the Yearly Meeting Dear Friends
The queries have been read in this Meeting with answers from each of our monthly Meetings, and the following summary has been adopted as descriptive of our state which we forward for your information by our Friends -
— whom we have appointed to attend the Yearly Meeting as our representatives

Our Monthly Meetings were early supplied with 400 copies of the printed minutes of last year, and also with a sufficient number of copies of the printed extracts, embracing the report of the committee in charge of the Boarding School and the conclusions of the Yearly Meeting relative ~~therein~~ to this institution -

The rev.^d in due course the London General Epistle for 1854, the reading of which was edifying & encouraging to us, and 425 copies of the same were distributed among our Monthly Meetings & members. Our Treasurer has been directed to pay the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting the amount called for by minute of last year

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Newport Nov. 7. 1856

By accounts received at this time from each of our Monthly Meetings it appears the following Friends are Representatives to this Meeting, viz. from Rhode Island Jos^a Dams, Jos^a Dennis & Thos. B. Buffum, Greenwich. Peter Peck, Solomon R Knowles & Wm Reynolds - Swansea, Saml. Gifford Abner Hoad & Jarvis Thove. Providence Turnus Bartell John Menden & James Dennis, and from South Kingston Timothy C. Collins & Edward W Collins who are present.

The queries have been read at this time with answers to the 1. 2 & 10th from each of our Monthly Meetings.

We rec^d in due course, with which our monthly meetings were early supplied - 400 copies of the printed minutes of the Yearly Meeting, and a number of copies of the printed sketch embracing the report of the committee in charge of the boarding school & the following minutes from the Yearly Meeting -

In answering the Queries, our subordinate meetings are desired carefully to regard the advice heretofore given to be full and explicit, and the Quarterly Meetings are requested in their annual answers for this Meeting to embrace not only the information received from the Monthly Meetings at the Quarter preceding the Yearly Meeting, but also a definite statement as to the maintenance of our meetings during the year, and that they take care to preserve the answers received at the three previous Quarters, for this purpose.

The Quarterly Meetings are requested annually to communicate to this Meeting the names of all Ministers and Elders who have deceased during the year, with the time of their decease, and ages, as far as practicable. The clerk is directed to furnish a copy of this minute to subordinate meetings.

The following proposition from the Meeting for Sufferings, in relation to the manner of making additions to our Meetings of Ministers and Elders was weightily considered by this Meeting, and united with, and adopted as the discipline of our Meeting in this respect, (the women's meeting uniting therein,) viz:—

"In the appointment of Elders, the following order is to be observed:—

As these are officers of the Church at large, let the Monthly Meeting, after they have approved such as they adjudge duly appointed and qualified for that service, (the name or names having been introduced either through the preparative meeting of ministers and elders, or by a Committee appointed by the Monthly Meeting for that purpose) acquaint the Quarterly Meeting therewith, who, after solidly waiting for their concurring unity, and finding nothing to hinder, are to minute the same, and acquaint the select meeting thereof; who are also to enter the appointment on their minutes, and the friends so appointed may then sit in any of our meetings of ministers and elders. Information of such appointment is to be given by the Quarterly Meeting to the Yearly Meeting, and by the Yearly Meeting, through its Clerk, to the Yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders, and their names entered on the respective Records of those meetings.

The following order is to be observed in acknowledging the gift, and approving the public appearances of any Friend in the Ministry.

Where any Friend appears in public ministry whose conversation shall be clean and blameless, and the preparative meeting for ministers and elders, within the limits of which he or she belongs, is convinced that the Lord hath called them to that weighty work, it is then to lay the same before the Quarterly Meeting of Ministers and Elders, for its consideration, and when said Quarterly Meeting shall have united therein, without any record being made of its judgment, the said preparative meeting may lay the same before the Monthly Meeting, which, after weightily feeling after the mind of truth therein, and being united in approving him or her as a Minister in the Church, the same shall be recorded and sent forward in like manner as in the case of Elders.

Friends are advised in these proceedings to be weighty in their spirits and careful in their conversation, that no harm come to any from a disclosure before the time of what may be under the consideration of Friends; that all may be kept in the love and unity of the Gospel.

From the Minutes of the Meeting.

SAMUEL BOYD TOBEY, Clerk.

200 We have received at this time 435 copies of the London general Epistle for 1855, the reading of which is deferred until our next meeting.

With the ^{concurrence} ~~assent~~ of the women's meeting we unite with Greenwich Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Marcius Parker to the Station of an Elder.

With the concurrence of ^{the women's} ~~the women's~~ Monthly Meeting we unite with Providence Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gift and approving the public appearance in the Ministry of Gilbert Congdon.

We have received the following Minute from the Yearly Meeting relative to Stocks, and we appoint our Friends Gleason & Smith Abner Glack & Wm S. Parry ^{a committee} to consider what additional sum may be needed for the use of this meeting. They are also requested to examine & settle the Treasurer's account, and propose the name of a Friend to serve this meeting as Treasurer for the year ensuing — Yearly Meeting 1856

It is concluded to raise twelve hundred dollars for the use of this Meeting the ensuing year, which the Quarterly Meetings are requested to forward to David Buffum our Treasurer — The quota of Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting is two hundred and seventy six dollars (23 per cent).

From the minutes of the Meeting, signed Saml Boyd Tobey Clerk.
Gilbert Congdon Clerk

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at ~~Exeter~~ Somerset 11th Mo 6. 1856

By accounts rec'd at this time from each of our monthly meetings it appears the following Friends are representatives to this meeting. From Rhode Island Jacob Leland Jacob Matt & David Buffum. Greenwich Marcius Parker Peter Rich & John A. Furber. Albany Lillie Gifford Nathan Chace & Ellis Gifford. Providence Susan Marshall Wm & Nelson & Thomas Warkyn, from South Kingston Timothy & Collins & Wm S. Parry who are present.

The queries have been read at this time, with answers to the 12th & 10th from each of our monthly meetings.

Our beloved Friend New Bedford attended this meeting & presented a minute from Sandwich monthly meeting expressing unity with his ministry & present religious engagement - His company & religious services have been acceptable to us, & the clerk is directed to furnish him with a copy of this minute.

Our beloved Friend Moses Mc Bude returned at this time the certificate granted him by this meeting in the 8th mo. ~~1853~~ of last year and informed us he had been enabled to accomplish the service he then had in prospect & to return with feelings of sweet peace - He also presented minutes from Ohio G. M. of Ministers & Elders held in 1853. & from Indiana Quarterly meeting for 1853 and the present year, together with minutes from the following Quarterly & ^{monthly} Meetings within their limits of the same, acknowledging his acceptable attendance of these meetings; all of which is satisfactory to us,

Stum Creek Quarterly Meeting Ohio. two minutes

Salem " " Iowa

Pleasant Plain " " "

Miami Ohio

West Branch "

Spiceland Indiana

Westfield Ohio

New Garden Indiana

Blue River "

White Water "

Pleasant Plain (again) Iowa

And the following Monthly Meetings -

Salem Ohio Upper Springfield do Sandy Spring do
 Spring Creek Iowa Richland do Pleasant Plain do
 Salem do East Grove do - Thru Rivers do Red Cedar do
 do Mill Creek Ohio West Branch do - Cincinnati do
 Caesar's Creek do - Miami do - White Water Indiana
 Springfield Ohio Salem Creek Ohio Centre do
 Dover do -

Our beloved Friend Ann Kenworthy attended this meeting & presented minutes from White Water monthly & White Water Quarterly meetings expressing unity with her ministry & present religious engagement; her company & religious services have been acceptable to us, & the clerk is directed to sign on our behalf a minute embracing the substance

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of this -

Our beloved Friend Mrs Kenworthy attended
this meeting as companion to ~~his~~ wife Ann Kenworthy
& presented a minute from White Water Monthly Meeting Indiana
expressing unity with him as an Elder & with his present
engagement - His company has been acceptable to us -
and the clerk is directed to furnish him with a copy of this minute -
Our beloved Friend & husband Gilbert Gifford attended
this meeting as companion to his husband Mrs Gifford
& presented a minute from Sandwich Monthly Meeting
expressing unity with his ministry & present engagement -
His company & religious services have been acceptable
to us - And the clerk was directed to sign &c -

The committee appointed at our last meeting to settle the
Treasurer's acct & for other purposes presented the following report,
which is satisfactory & we accordingly appoint Nelson
Congdon to serve this meeting as Treasurer for the
year ensuing & our monthly meetings are requested to
furnish to him their respective proportions of the amount
therein called for

To Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends to
be held at Somerset - The committee appointed to settle the
Treasurer's account and for other purposes report, they have
given attention to the appointment and find a balance in
the hands of the Treasurer of forty nine dollars & sixty eight
cents ($\text{dols } 49 \frac{68}{100}$) would recommend the Quarterly
Meeting to raise four hundred dollars ($\text{dols } 400$) and
Nelson Congdon for Treasurer Gilbert Gifford for
Providence Nov 22. 1836 the Committee

We have at this time read the London
General Epistle for 1835 - & its contents have been comforted
edifying -

Gilbert Congdon Clerk

2nd mo 1857

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At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of
Friends held at Providence 2nd mo 5th 1857

By accounts received at this time from each
of our Monthly Meetings it appears the following
Friends are Representatives to this Meeting viz from
Rhode Island Geo. Bowen Josiah Chace & Wm G. Richardson,
Greenwich Jon^a Struborn & Marinus Parker,
Swansey Jon^a ~~Struborn~~ Abadiah Chace Tho S. Gifford
& Edmund Chace, Providence Joseph Matlack
Jos C. Pukam & Tho Huntrop. & from South Kingston
Wm S. Perry & Edward W Collins who are present except
one.

Edmund Chace on behalf of the Representatives
informed the Meeting that they had conferred together
on the subject of clerks, and were united in proposing
Gilbert Congdon for clerk & Tho S. Gifford for assistant
clerk; which being approved by the Meeting, they
are appointed to those offices for the ensuing year.

The queries have been read at this Meeting, with
answers to the 12th 10th from each of the Monthly
Meetings -

Information was received at this time that
all our Monthly Meetings had given direction for
the payment to our Treasurer, of the amounts respectively
called for by minute of 11th mo last.

Our beloved Friend Amelia C. Darlington
attended this Meeting & presented a certificate from
Red Cedar Monthly & Salem Quarterly Meetings Iowa,
expressing unity with her Ministry & present religious
engagement - her company & religious services have
been acceptable to us & the clerk is directed to sign
on our behalf a minute embracing the substance of
the above - Our beloved Friend Brenton Darlington
attended this Meeting as companion to his wife Amelia
C. Darlington & presented a minute from Red Cedar
Monthly Meeting expressing unity with him as an Elder
& with his present engagement - his company has been
acceptable to us and the clerk is directed to furnish
him with a copy of this minute -

204 With the concurrence of the women's Meeting we
unite with Providence Monthly Meeting in the
appointment of Sarah Day Tobey, & Mary Abby Smith
to the station of Elders.
Gilbert Congdon Clerk

At Rhodishland Quarterly Meeting of Friends
held at East Greenwich 5th Mo 7. 1857

By accounts rec^d at this time from each of our Monthly
Meetings, it appears the following Friends are Representa-
tives to this meeting, viz from N. Island George Anthony
David Buffum, Stephen Whau & Levi Amy - Greenwich
Peter Pick, Mariner Parker & Sol A. Knowles - Swansea
Edmund Whace, Nosa, Buffington & Obadiah Whace -
Providence Gilbert Congdon Jos C. Peckham & Turner
Haskell & from South Kingston Timothy C. Collins &
Geo S Gould, who are present except two for the absence
of one of whom a sufficient reason was assigned.

The queries have been read at this time with
answers to each of our monthly Meetings from which the
following summary has been adopted which we forward
to the Yearly Meeting by our Friends John Meach
Joseph Mitealy, David Buffum, Ellis Gifford Saml Boyd
Tobey Tho. Warknup Peter Pick & Timothy C. Collins - whom
we appoint our representatives -

Our Treasurer is directed to pay to the Treasurer of
the Yearly Meeting the amt. called for by minute of
last year -

With the concurrence of the women's Meeting we have
united with Swansea Monthly Meeting in the appointment
of Tho S Gifford to the station of our Elder.

The clerk is directed to sign on our behalf the
following communication to the Yearly Meeting -
To the Yearly Meeting.

Dear Friends

The queries have been read in this Meeting with
answers from each of our monthly Meetings from
which the following summary has been adopted as
a description of our state, which we forward for your information
by our Friends John Meach Joseph Mitealy David Buffum

Ellis Gifford Sam Boyd Tobey The Warthrop Pres. Pickers,
 Timothy C. Collins whom we ^{have} appointed to attend the Yearly
 Meeting as our representatives - Our Monthly meetings
 were early supplied with 400 copies of the printed minutes of
 last year and also with copies of the printed sheet embracing
 the report of the committee in charge of the Boarding School
 & minutes from the Yearly Meeting relative to several
 other important subjects - We received in due
 course 435 copies of the London general Epistle for 1855,
 the reading of which afforded us comfort & edification -
 We have received through the Meeting for Sufferings a
 supply of the new edition of discipline for all the meetings
 within our limits - Our Treasurer has been directed to
 pay to the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting the amt. call'd
 for by minutes of last year -

With the concurrence of the women's meeting we have
 united with Providence Monthly Meeting in acknowledging
 the gift & approving the public appearances in the ministry of
 Gilbert Congdon, and in the appointment of Sarah F. Tobey
 & Mary Almy Smith to the station of Elders. and with Green-
 wich Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Marcius
 Parker & Nath. Swensley, Monthly Meeting in the appointment
 of Tho. S. Gifford to the same station - We have to
 report the removal by death of several of our Friends
 since the last Yearly Meeting - Theophilus Thove an Elder
 died 8th mo 11th 1856 aged 80 years 5 months & 7 days & Edward
 Wing died 3rd mo 5. 1857 aged & Susan Ruth
 Heathaway on the 8th of 4th month last aged 75 years 11 months
 both occupying the station of Elders -

General answers

1st All our Meetings for religious worship & discipline
 have been attended except 13 small meetings 7 of which
~~one~~ ^{the} accounts ^{from our mo. meeting} ~~states~~ were omitted in ^{consequence} ~~account~~ of stormy
 weather & impassable state of the roads, ^{amidst what? in another mo. meeting} ~~and~~ ^{was omitted} at the time
 of holding this meeting in the 11th month - These on first
 day morning by Friends generally, those held at other
 times, as much neglected by some, the hour is nearly
 observed - Friends are preserved from undue coming
 behavior, a few instances of sleeping excepted - Some
 care taken in the above deficiencies -

Ans 2nd Love and unity in good measure maintained amongst us, and detraction generally guarded against. When differences ~~exist~~ have arisen in churches have been used to end them.

Ans 3rd Friends generally manifest a care to bring up those under their direction in plainness, to restrain them from pernicious reading and corrupt conversation. In these respects they are pretty good examples themselves. We believe the Holy Scriptures are frequently read in Friends families.

Ans 4th Spirituous liquors confined to medicinal purposes with one exception - The attendance of improper places of public resort, very generally guarded against, moderation and temperance observed on the occasions referred to.

Ans 5th The circumstances of the poor are attended to, care is taken to provide for the due instruction of their children - no children placed out from among Friends.

Ans 6th Parents and heads of families, with the young and unmarried, are generally careful that all proceedings with respect to marriage be conformable to discipline.

Ans 7th We believe our testimony is maintained in these several particulars.

Ans 8th Nearly all careful in regard to accounts, and punctual in paying debts, and careful to live within the bounds of their circumstances.

Ans 9th Careful as to records - a few removals without certificates - some care taken.

Ans 10th Friends are generally careful to deal with offenders as quereled after, although not always as seasonably as would be best, and to place judgment when necessary according to discipline.

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At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of
Friends held at Newport 8th mo 6, 1857

By accounts rec^d at this time from each of our
monthly meetings, it appears the following Friends
are representatives to this Meeting viz. from
Rhode Island Stephen Chase Lewis & Isaac
Heathaway - Greenwich Pizer Peck & John Furber
Swansey Lilly Gifford Jos. Coe & Henry & Thos. S. Gifford
Providence Wm. A. Robinson Gideon C. Smith & Saml.
Austin & South Kingstown Timothy C. Collins & John
T. Nichols who are present.

The clerk being absent Saml. Boyd Tobey is
appointed clerk for the day.

The queries have been read in this meeting with
answers to the 124th from ^{each of} our several monthly
meetings.

The Representatives to the N. E. Meeting severally
informed that they attended -

Our beloved friend John Chadwick a minister in
unity with us opened before this meeting a concern
which for several years had rested upon his mind
and more constantly of late, to attend the Yearly
Meetings of Ohio & Indiana and of visiting some of
the meetings constituting them and especially some
of the Friends in the North Western part of the
latter Y. Meeting - also of attending a few meetings
within the limits of New York Yearly Meeting
and if way should open for it of appointing some
meetings among Friends and others - His prospect
claimed our solid consideration and was fully
united with and he encouraged to attend to it as
Truth may direct, and the clerk is directed to endorse
the substance of this minute in his certificate from
Providence Monthly Meeting and sign it on our
behalf and our friends Thos. Harkness & Carrie
Burrum & Saml. Boyd Tobey, are appointed to give
any necessary attention to the subject.

We have received the following minute from
the Yearly Meeting, "Yearly Meeting 1857"
It is concluded to raise one thousand dollars for the

use of this Meeting the present year which our
Quarterly Meetings are requested to forward to
David Buffum our Treasurer. The quota of
Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting is two hundred &
thirty dollars (23 percent) From the Minutes of
the Meeting. Saml Boyd Tobey Clerk

Whereupon we appoint our friends Thomas
Hartnup Henry Glade & Peter Peck to settle the
Treasurer's account and propose at our next meeting a
sum suitable to be raised for the use of this Meeting
the ensuing year and the name of a friend for
Treasurer.

We have rec'd & read at this time extracts from the
Yearly Meeting embracing the report of the Boarding
School Committee, copies of which were distributed
to our Monthly Meeting, which are as follows viz
Four hundred copies of the printed Minutes of the
Yearly Meeting have been received and distributed
among Friends in our different Monthly Meetings.

We have received and read in this Meeting the
printed general Epistle from London Yearly Meeting
of 1836 and have been comforted and we trust edified
by it, and 435 copies having been supplied by our
Yearly Meeting for the use of this Meeting we commend
its valuable counsel to the attention of our subordinate
meetings ^{& of Friends individually} and the representatives to this meeting are
requested to attend to its distribution.

The Boarding School Committee presented their Annual Report, which is satisfactory to this Meeting, and the friends now under appointment, are continued for the ensuing year, to act in our behalf, in conjunction with a Committee of the women's meeting, in the government and superintendence of the Institution, and they are requested to report to this Meeting, next year. The Report is as follows:

"TO THE YEARLY MEETING.

The Committee for the Superintendence of the Boarding School at Providence, have attended to their appointment and report as follows:

The School has been continued during the two terms of the past year. For the Summer term forty-nine males and sixty three females, and for the Winter term eighty-seven males and seventy-five females were admitted as scholars, and attended the school, nearly all of them for the full terms.

The arrangement with Joseph and Gertrude W. Cartland as Principals, mentioned in the report of the School Committee last year, has been continued during the year now closed, and under it we believe the various interests of the school have been satisfactorily conducted.

Meetings of the Committee have been held monthly at the School, and members deputed to visit the Institution and inspect its management in the intervals, and we believe that the character of the school has been satisfactory to Friends as it has been encouraging to us.

The assistant teachers employed, have been John F. Rowell, William P. Macomber, Pamela C. Varney, Elizabeth Arnold, and Anna Mekeel, in the common English branches; Franklin E. Paige in Mathematics; Joseph W. Congdon teacher of Greek and Latin; Alphonse Renaut teacher of French and German; Marianna Stanton and Mary E. Potter, at different times teachers of Drawing; and instruction has been given in needle-work by Gertrude W. Cartland, assisted by other teachers.

The usual branches of an English education have been taught, and instruction in the languages given, and the Committee have arranged for a course of study for such as wish the full benefit of a systematic education, as suggested in the report last year. Care has been continued to promote the knowledge of the Holy Scriptures, and of the principles of our religious society.

Meetings for worship on First Day mornings, have been continued in the school house as usual—the scholars at other times attending Friends Meetings in Providence. At most of the meetings held at the Institution, members of the Committee, or other concerned Friends have been in attendance, and they have been held to good satisfaction.

The examinations at the close of each term, have been attended by members of the School Committee, and of the Yearly Meeting's Committee on Education, and other Friends, and they have been occasions of much interest.

The health of the scholars has generally been good, and becoming order and harmony have been well maintained both in the school and family.

The accounts of the Institution have been examined, and the result may be stated as follows:

CHARITABLE FUND.

In Treasurer's hands last year,	\$126 25
Receipts for the year,	448 75
	\$575 00
Payments for the board and tuition of twelve scholars, one term each,	480 00
In hands of Treasurer at this time,	95 00
	\$575 00

GENERAL FUND.

Receipts from income of School Fund,	\$6,636 06
" " old account of Manufacturers Bank,	66 74
	\$6,702 80
Payments, (exclusive of those provided to be paid by the Principal)	
Fire insurance,	\$165 00
Repairs of school premises,	1,084 63
To Joseph Cartland on contract,	3,000 00
	\$4,249 63

Which deducted from the receipts leaves an excess of,

Of which excess \$682 08 is in the Treasurer's hands, and the balance has been applied to the payment of interest and principal of the debts of the Institution—

Leaving the present debt, less the balance in the Treasurer's hands,

This debt as reported last year was,

It will be seen therefore that the principal of the debt has been lessened the past year, \$2,104 30.

This result encourages the expectation that the school may be maintained usefully and the debt before long discharged.

We would propose, that the Summer term should commence as at present on Fourth Day before first Fifth Day in the fifth month, and continue twenty-one weeks; and that the Winter term should also commence as at present, on Fourth Day before the first Fifth Day in the eleventh month, and continue twenty weeks; and that there should be no intermission of these terms by any recess during their continuance, and that the charge for board and tuition be the same as last year, viz \$40 per term for members of our Yearly Meeting, \$60 for members of other Yearly Meetings, and where one or both parents are members of our religious society, or the scholar are sent at the charge of such members; and \$100 for any others who may be admitted. That \$5 per term additional charge continue to be made for instruction, either in the Ancient Languages, in French, or in Drawing, books and stationery being furnished as heretofore at actual cost.

We refer again to certain regulations, as heretofore agreed upon by the Yearly Meeting, respecting the times of payment, manner and times for the admission of scholars, &c., which accompanied the report of the School Committee last year, and we regret to find that these regulations, as respects the terms of payment and punctuality in attendance at the commencement of the terms of the school, are not so carefully observed as is desirable.

In conclusion, we may express our belief, that the Institution continues to be useful in promoting the objects of Friends in its establishment.

Providence, sixth month, 2d, 1857.

Signed on behalf of the Committee,
STEPHEN A. CHASE, Clerk."

Regulations referred to in the above report of the School Committee.

"As the number to be admitted is limited to eighty of each sex, it will be necessary that the Committee should be seasonably informed of all in this Yearly Meeting that desire to occupy places in the school, in order that they may determine how many others, if any, may be received.

Application should therefore be made for members of our Yearly Meeting, seasonably to be laid before the Committee at their Meetings to be held on Third Day, before the first Fifth Day in the 3d and 9th months—as heretofore determined by the Yearly Meeting.

At this Meeting applications for the admission of members of our Yearly Meeting will have precedence of all others.

After this time, applications for the admission of scholars will be considered in the order in which they are made.

Monthly Meetings desirous of occupying the privilege of the Charitable Fund, are requested to send their application as heretofore, in season for the Meeting of the Committee in the ninth month, and to specify whether they desire it during the winter or succeeding summer term. And friends are requested to observe the various regulations adopted by the Yearly Meeting, in order for admission of scholars into the school.

It is desired that payment for each term be made in advance, but if in any case this is not practicable, one half to be made at the commencement, and the balance at the middle of the term.

It is expected that scholars will be at the school punctually at the commencement of the term, but if circumstances occur to prevent such attendance, notice is to be forwarded to the Principals within one week of that time, stating whether or not their places are desired to be reserved for them. A failure to attend the school or to give the notice above specified shall be considered a relinquishment of the privilege unless again admitted by the Committee; and in all cases of children being admitted for the term, and attending the school, it is expected that payment will be made for the term.

Friends of pupils, and others, visiting the school, will in future be expected to defray the expense arising to the Institution.

Application for admission into the school, and for the benefit of the Charitable Fund is to be made to the Principals.
Address JOSEPH CARTLAND,
Principal Friends Boarding School, Providence, R. I."

On reading the Records of this Meeting for last year, our attention was turned to a portion of the discipline adopted last year as to the manner of making additions to our meetings of Ministers and Elders, and it was agreed as the understanding and decision of this Meeting, that after such appointment by a Monthly Meeting has been confirmed by the Quarterly Meeting, that such friend, whether Minister or Elder, may then sit in all our select Meetings, without waiting for the information to have been first communicated to those meetings, by the Quarterly Meeting—and the Clerk is directed to transmit this Minute to our subordinate meetings.

From the Minutes of the Meeting.

SAMUEL BOYD TOBEY, Clerk.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of
Friends held at Somerset 11th mo 3rd 1857

By accounts rec^d at this time from each of our
monthly meetings it appears the following Friends
are Representatives to this meeting viz from Rhode Island
Levi Hony Stephen Chace & David Buffum, Greenwich
Marinus Parker Peter Pech & Jos^a Thuborn. Swansea
Simpson Buffington Jos. C. Anthony & Jos. Estes. Providence
Wm. & Robinson James Dennis & Gideon C. Smith
& from S. Kingston Timothy C. Collins & John John R
Knowles who are present

Our beloved Friend Charles F. Coffin attended
this meeting & presented minutes from Sidney Monthly &
Fairfield Quarterly Meetings expressing unity with his
ministry & present religious engagements. His company & religious
services have been acceptable to us -

Our beloved friend Jos^{ph} Pratt attended this meeting &
presented a minute from Unity M^o Meeting expressing unity with
his ministry & present religious engagement - His company &
religious services have been acceptable to us

Our beloved Friend, Martha C. Pratt attended this meeting as
companion to her husband Jos^{ph} Pratt & presented a minute from
Unity Monthly meeting expressing unity with her as an Elder & with
her present engagements - Their company has been acceptable to us -

The queries have been read at this time with answers to the
1 2 & 10th from each of our monthly meetings

Our beloved Friend John Under returned at this time the
^{enclosure}~~minutes~~ given furnished him by this meeting in the 8th mo. last
with the information that he had been favored to attend to the
service he then had in prospect to the peace of his mind -
He also presented minutes from Christ Indiana Yearly Meeting
acknowledging that his company & religious services ~~had~~ were ac-
ceptable to them, He also presented satisfactory returning messages
from the following meetings - all of which is satisfactory to us -

Alum Creek Quarterly Meeting. Goshen Logan Co. Ohio
Alum Creek Monthly Meeting. Gilead Monthly Meeting
held at Gilead Morrow Co. Ohio. Greenwich Monthly
Meeting Ohio -

The committee appointed at our last meeting to settle the

Treasurer accounts for other purposes, presented the following report, which is satisfactory to us & we accordingly appoint William Congdon our Treasurer for the ensuing year or until another appointment & our monthly meetings are requested to forward to him their several proportions of the amount therein named -

To the Quarterly Meeting - A great deal to be appointed we have examined & settled the Treasurer's acc. and find a balance due him of Twenty four dollars and six cents - We propose that Four hundred & fifty dollars be raised for the use of the meeting and welcome Congdon for Treasurer

For the Committee
Providence 10mo 19. 1857 Signed Thomas Barker
Pres. Pick.

This Meeting approves of a proposition from South Kingston Monthly Meeting to unite the two meetings of worship now held in S Kingston in one to continue to be held at Peace Dale

The clerk is directed to furnish the Friends now with us copies of minutes made on their behalf -

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Providence 2mo 4. 1858

By accounts rec'd at this time from each of our Monthly Meetings it appears the following Friends are representatives to this Meeting - viz from Rhode Island. David Buffum Stephen Chace & Isaac Hathaway from Greenwich Amos C. Earle Pres. Pick & Mr. Reynolds from Swansea Mark Anthony Edmond Chace & Abner Slade, from Providence John Mearns James Dennis & Jos C. Puckham & from South Kingston Peter H. Collins & Timothy C. Collins who are present except one for whose absence a satisfactory reason was given

Pres. Pick on behalf of the Representatives reported they were united in proposing Gilbert Congdon for clerk & The S. Gifford for assistant clerk, which being approved by the meeting they are accordingly appointed to those services for the ensuing year.

The queries were read at this time with answers to the 12 & 10th from each of our monthly meetings -

212 Information was rec^d by this Meeting that all of our Monthly Meetings have directed the payment to the Treasurers of this Meeting their respective proportions of the amount called for by this meeting in the 11th mo last.

With the concurrence of the women meeting we unite with Abner Adams Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Hannah Darns wife of Jos^a Darns to the station of Elder.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at East Greenwich 5th mo 1858.

By accounts rec^d at this time from each of our Monthly Meetings it appears the following Friends are Representatives to this Meeting, viz from R Island Jos^a Dennis Stephen Chace & Jacob Rott. Greenwich Peter Dick Solomon R Knowles & Marinus Parker, Swampy Ellis Gifford Thos S Gifford & Abadiah Chace, Providence Gideon & Smith Mrs A Robinson & The Warthrop. S Kingston Geo S Gould & Merckiah Babcock who are all present.

Our beloved Friend & well known attended this meeting & presented a minute from Sandwich Mo meeting exp-essing unity with his ministry & present religious engagement - his company & religious services have been acceptable to us.

Our beloved Friend David Kelly attended this meeting as companion to our Friend Newell Hosin & presented a minute from Sandwich Mo Meeting, expressing unity with him as an Elder & with his present engagement, his company has been acceptable to us.

The Clerk is directed to furnish the Friends with us copies of minutes made on their behalf.

The queries have been read in this meeting with answers thereto from each of our Monthly Meetings and the following summary has been prepared ~~and~~ ~~description of~~ which we forward for the information of the Yearly Meeting, by our Friends David Buffum John Menden Edmund Chace Jos. Mitcalf Peter Dick W A Robinson Moses B Buckle & Abner Haddi

whom we appoint our Representatives -

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Our Treasurer is requested to pay to the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting the amount called for by minutes of last year.

Our beloved Friend Mrs. Mc Bride a minister in unity with us informed this meeting that he has felt for ~~some~~ several months a concern to visit some of the meetings constituting New York Yearly Meeting to be present at the opening of Western Yearly Meeting and of attending Indiana Yearly Meeting with some other religious service within the limits of the two latter Meetings as way may open for in the Truth and to take some meetings on the way within the limits of Ohio Yearly Meeting - This ~~concern~~ ^{project} having claimed ^{our} solid consideration, was united with, & he left at liberty to attend thereto under the guidance of Best Wisdom & the clerk is directed to sign on our behalf an endorsement to the certificate from Providence Monthly Meeting, embracing the substance of this minute & Joseph Mitcalf & Turn are appointed a committee with whom our Friend may confer relative to any subjects connected with his concern -

With the concurrence of the women's meeting we have united with Swansey, monthly meeting in the appointment of Abner Glade to the station of our Elder -

The clerk is directed to sign on our behalf the following communication to the Yearly Meeting -

To the Yearly Meeting. Next to be held on Rd for N. England Dear Friends } The queries have been read in this meeting with answers from all of our monthly meetings, from which the following Summary has been prepared, which we forward for your information by our Friends David Buffum John Meader Edmund Whare Jos Mitcalf Peter Dickson A Robinson Mrs. Mc Bride & Abner Glade, whom we have appointed to attend the Yearly Meeting as our Representatives -

Extracts from the minutes of your last meeting embracing the report of the Boarding School Committee, with the regulations of the School heretofore agreed upon,

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and a minute explanatory of a portion of discipline
in relation to additions to the meeting of Ministers
& Elders, were received & read & copies of the same
together with 400 copies of the printed minutes of last
year were early distributed among our monthly meetings.

The London General Epistle of 1836 was read
in this meeting to our comfort & edification and 435
copies were distributed forwarded to our monthly meetings.

Copies of a pamphlet entitled "a salutation in
the love of Christ from the Yearly Meeting of Friends
in London to all who bear the name of Friends" were
received from our Meetings for sufferings and were
forwarded to our subordinate meetings to be
distributed according to the intention of the Yearly
Meeting by which it was originally issued.

We have directed the payment to your treasurers of
our proportion of the amount of state called for by
minute of last year. We have united with
Rhode Island Monthly Meeting in the appointment of
Hannah Dame wife of John Dame to the station of Elder
& with Swansea Monthly Meeting in the appointment
of Abner Slack to the same station. Mary A Collins
(widow of Abel Collins of North Stonington Conn)
an Elder of South Kingston Mo Meeting of Friends
died the 20th of 2nd mo 1838 aged 85 years 3 months 11 days.

April 1st Summary of answers.
All our Meetings for worship & discipline have been attended
except ~~three small ones~~ seven. Respecting these omissions
the accounts from our monthly meetings for the past year
report that they all occurred in very small meetings -
one was occasioned by attendance of members at the Yearly
meeting, another by a funeral, sickness and bad travelling
were assigned as reasons for two others, and two of the
remaining omissions occurred in a remote mid week meeting,
to the place of which one member repaired on two of
the occasions. There on first day mornings & for
discipline by Friends generally, other meetings more
neglected. The hour nearly observed. Friends preserved
from unbecoming behaviour except a few instances
of sleeping. Some care taken.

Ans 2 Love & unity are generally maintained and
detruction mostly guarded against - Care has been taken
to end differences when they have appeared -

Ans 3 Friends are generally careful to bring up those under
their direction as required, also to restrain them from
pernicious reading & corrupt conversation - Mostly good
examples here in themselves - We believe the Holy Scriptures
are frequently read in Friends families -

Ans 4th Careful to avoid the use of spirituous
liquors except as medicine - the unnecessary frequenting
of taverns & places of public resort, and to observe
moderation on the occasions referred to - ~~very few~~
~~are from among Friends~~

Ans 5th The circumstances of the poor & such as
appear likely to ^{require} ~~need~~ assistance are inquired into,
& their necessities relieved - Their children freely
partake of learning to fit them for business - none
plucked out from among Friends -

Ans 6th Parents & heads of families with the young &
unmarried are generally careful that all proceedings
with respect of marriage ^{be} conformable to our discipline -

Ans 7th We know not but that our testimonies are
maintained in the several particulars of this query -

Ans 8th Generally careful to inspect their affairs and
settle their accounts - as far as circumstances permit
punctual to their promises & just in the payment of their
debts & Careful to live within the bounds of their
circumstances -

Ans 9th With the exception of one meeting careful
as to records - A few removals without certificates -
some care taken -

Ans 10th Friends are generally careful to deal with
offenders as required after although not always so
seasonable as would be best - and judgment is placed
when necessary according to discipline -

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Newport 8 mo. 5. 1858

By accounts rec^d at this time from each of our
monthly meetings it appears the following
Friends are representatives to this meeting - viz
From Rhode Island Jos^{ph} Dennis Wm Sherman &
Thomas B Buffum. Greenwich Peter Dick Wm
Reynolds & Jos^{ph} Fruborn. Swansea Lilly Gifford
The S Gifford & Abner Glace. Providence Jos^{ph} Mitealy
Gilbert Congdon & Thomas Hearnshuf. S Kingston
Edward M Collins & Hesteriah Babcock who are present.

The Representatives appointed to attend the
Yearly Meeting reported that they attended -

Our beloved Friend Lemuel Gifford
attended this meeting & presented a minute from
Sandwich monthly meeting Nup, expressing unity
with his ministry & present religious engagement,
his company & religious services have been acceptable
to us & the clerk is directed to furnish him with a
copy of this minute.

The queries have been read at this time with
answers to the 12 & 10th from each of our monthly
meetings -

Our beloved Friend John Mason a
Minister in unity with us, opened in this meeting
a prospect that has accompanied his mind for some
time past to attend in the love of the Gospel the
approaching Yearly Meeting of Friends to be held
in Baltimore & if ^{sponsored} ~~was~~ ^{open} for it to visit and
appoint a few meetings in the course of the
journey - This concern having claimed our
solid consideration was united with & he left at
liberty and is engaged to attend Friends under
the direction of But this done; and the clerk is
directed to sign on our behalf an endorsement
to the certificate from Providence Monthly
meeting embracing the substance of this minute
and Gideon C Smith and Josiah Mitealy are

appointed a committee to give any necessary attention to the subject—

We have rec^d the following minutes from the Yearly Meeting relative to Stock and we appoint Abner Glade The Necknyp & Peter Peck a committee to consider what additional sum may be needed for this meeting, examine & settle the Treasurer's account & to propose the name of a Friend to serve this meeting as Treasurer & report at our next meeting.

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It is concluded to raise twelve hundred dollars for the use of this Meeting the present year which the Quarterly Meetings are requested to forward to David Buffum our Treasurer. The quota of Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting is Two hundred and seventy six dollars (\$276 23 per cent) From the minutes of the Meeting Sam^l Bayard Tobey Clerk

The London General Epistle was read at time we trust to our comfort & edification & having rec^d 450 copies from the Yearly Meeting for the use of this meeting, we commend its valuable contents to our subordinate Meetings and individual members, & the representatives now present are requested to attend to the distribution of the same—

We have at this time rec^d extracts from our late Yearly Meeting embracing the report of the Boarding School Committee & the regulations of the School therefore adopted, and our monthly meetings were early supplied with copies thereof, together with 400 copies of the printed minutes of our late ^{the} Yearly Meeting for the present year—

Our beloved Friend Deborah & Minnie both attended this Meeting and presented certificates from the monthly meeting of Friends held in New York ~~Quarterly~~ and from Westbury Quarterly Meeting, expressing unity with her ministry and present religious engagement—her company and religious services have been acceptable to us—

Our beloved Friend Maria Willets attended as companion to our Friend Deborah & Minnie at this and presented a minute from the monthly meeting of Friends held in New York, expressing unity with her as an Elder & with her present engagement.

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his company has been acceptable to us
and the clerk is invited to sign on our
behalf, minutes for her & our friend Deborah to
bind date embracing the substance of the above
forgoing -

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of
Friends held at Somerset 11th mo 4 1858.

By accounts rec'd at this time from each of our
Monthly Meetings, it appears the following Friends
are representatives to this Meeting, viz from
R. Island Isaac Hathaway, Stephen Leach & M. Sherman.
Greenwich Wm Reynolds, Marinus Parker & Peter Peck
Swansey Abner Glade, Mark Anthony & Edmund Leach &
Nathan Leach. Providence Wm A Robinson, James
Dennis & ~~John~~ John M. M. & South Kingston
Shel & Collins & John H Knowles who are present
except one

The queries have been read at this time with
answers to the 1. 2 & 10th from each of our monthly Meetings -

Our Friend John Menden returned at this time
the endorsement furnished him by this Meeting in
the 5th mo last & informed us he had been favored
to attend to the prospect he then had, to the peace
of his own mind - He also presented a minute
from Baltimore Quarterly Meeting expressing that
his company & Gospel services had been acceptable,
& a satisfactory returning minute from Baltimore
Quarterly Meeting, all of which are satisfactory to us -

The committee appointed at our last
meeting to settle the Treasurers account & for other
purposes, presented the following report, which is
accepted, and Welborn Conyde is accordingly
appointed to serve this Meeting as Treasurer for
the year ensuing - The subject of a re-consideration
of the apportionment of sums, hereafter to be raised
by the monthly meetings, having claimed our
attention at this time, it was concluded to refer the
subject to the representatives to be appointed, to
attend our next Quarterly Meeting - and the

YEARLY MEETING, 6th month, 1858. ²¹⁹

The Boarding School Committee presented the following Report, viz :

"TO THE YEARLY MEETING.

The Committee for the Superintendence of the Yearly Meeting Boarding School, at Providence, report—

That they have given attention to the objects of their appointment. The two terms of the School have been held, under the superintendence of Joseph and Gertrude W. Cartland, as Principals,—assisted during the summer term by John F. Rowell, Elizabeth Arnold, Rebecca H. Smiley, as teachers of the English branches; by Franklin E. Page, in mathematics; Daniel D. Patten and Albert Palmer, each a part of the term, in Classical studies; by Caroline H. Pinkham, in needle-work, Mary A. Potter, in drawing, and by Alphonse Renaud, in French. In the winter term, Daniel D. Patten was the Classical teacher for the term—the other teachers remaining as in the summer term, except that Rebecca D. Wing and Mary S. Harris, took the places of Caroline H. Pinkham and Elizabeth Arnold. Lectures on some branches of Natural Science were delivered in the winter term, by Samuel Austin.

The usual course of studies has been pursued. The deportment of the scholars, has been generally satisfactory—as much so, perhaps, as at any former period of the School. The methods of teaching have kept pace with the improvements which experience has suggested, and a general disposition among the scholars has been apparent to avail themselves of the advantages thus afforded.

Harmony has prevailed in the family, and a disposition to labor unitedly for the good of the institution.

The meetings for worship on First Day mornings, have been regularly held in the school house. They have been generally attended by members of the committee, and often by other concerned Friends, and have proved interesting seasons. At other times, the family attend meetings in Providence.

It has been the concern of the committee, that the minds of the children should be impressed with a sense of the vital importance of religion, of the necessity of an acquaintance with the truths recorded in Holy Scripture, and of a careful attention to the monitions of Truth in their own minds.

During the winter term, there were fifty-two cases of measles in the school. The disease was exhibited in a mild form, and all who were attacked, recovered. The circumstance of this sickness occasioned much additional care and responsibility to the Principals, and we think it due to them to say, that the duties, thus devolving upon them, were cheerfully and faithfully performed,—and it is cause of thankfulness, that among so many cases of disease, the lives of all were preserved.

There were admitted and came to the school, as scholars for the summer term, seventy-three males and sixty-six females; and for the winter term, ninety-one males, and seventy females, and nearly all of them attended through these terms respectively.

The arrangement with the Principals for the management of the affairs of the school, has been continued upon the same terms as last year. Some expense has been incurred in repairs and alterations necessarily made upon the school premises, during the year, the amount of which appears in the statement of expenditures.

The result of the annual examination of the accounts of the Institution, may be stated as follows, viz :

CHARITABLE FUND,	
In treasurer's hands last year	\$95 00
Receipts	310 00
Due the treasurer from this fund, at this time	75 00
	\$480 00
Payments for the board and tuition of twelve scholars, one term each	\$480 00
GENERAL FUND.	
Receipts from the income of the School Fund	\$6,122 14
Payments (exclusive of those to be made by the Principal.)	
Fire insurance	\$165 00
Repairs on the school premises	1,125 48
To Joseph Cartland, on contract	3,000 00
	\$4,290 48
Which deducted from the receipts leaves an excess of	\$1,831 66

Of which excess \$214 31 is in the hands of the treasurer, and the balance has been applied to payments on account of the interest and principal of the debt of the Institution;—leaving the present amount of indebtedness, less the amount in treasurer's hands, and exclusive of accrued interest \$2,285 69

We propose that the summer and winter terms of the school should commence and continue as last year—and that the charge for board and tuition remain without change, viz : \$40 per term for members of our Yearly Meeting, \$60 for members of other Yearly Meetings, and where one or both parents are members of our religious society, or the scholars are sent at the charge of such members; and \$100 for any others who may be admitted. That \$5 per term, additional charge, continue to be made for instruction, either in the Ancient Languages, in French, or in Drawing, books and stationery being furnished as heretofore at actual cost.

The regulations respecting the time of payment, manner and times of admission of scholars, &c., we append to this report, with the view of their being again sent to the subordinate meetings, for the information of Friends.

Signed on behalf of the committee,

STEPHEN A. CHASE, Clerk."

Providence, fifth month, 7th, 1858.

Regulations referred to in the above report of the School Committee.

"As the number to be admitted is limited to eighty of each sex, it will be necessary that the committee should be seasonably informed of all in this Yearly Meeting that desire to occupy places in the school, in order that they may determine how many others, if any, may be received."

Application should therefore be made for members of our Yearly Meeting, seasonably to be laid before the committee at their Meetings to be held in the 3d and 9th months—as heretofore determined by the Yearly Meeting.

At this Meeting, applications for the admission of members of our Yearly Meeting will have precedence of all others.

After this time, applications for the admission of scholars will be considered in the order in which they are made.

Monthly Meetings desirous of occupying the privilege of the Charitable Fund, are requested to send their applications as heretofore, in season for the meeting of the committee in the ninth month, and to specify whether they desire it during the winter or succeeding summer term. And friends are requested to observe the various regulations adopted by the Yearly Meeting, in order for admission of scholars into the school.

It is desired that payment for each term be made in advance, but if in any case this is not practicable, one half to be made at the commencement, and the balance at the middle of the term.

It is expected that scholars will be at the school punctually at the commencement of the term, but if circumstances occur to prevent such attendance, notice is to be forwarded to the Principals within one week of that time, stating whether or not their places are desired to be reserved for them. A failure to attend the school or to give the notice above specified shall be considered a relinquishment of the privilege, unless again admitted by the committee; and in all cases of children being admitted for the term, and attending the school it is expected that payment will be made for the term.

Friends of pupils, and others, visiting the school, will in future be expected to defray the expense arising to the Institution.

Application for admission into the school, and for the benefit of the Charitable Fund is to be made to the Principals.

Address,

JOSEPH CARTLAND,

Principal Friends Boarding School, Providence, R. I."

From the Minutes of the Meeting.

SAMUEL BOYD TOBEY, Clerk.

(The representatives now in attendance, are requested to inform their respective Monthly Meetings of this conclusion) ~~and that the~~ representatives (to meet at Friends Meeting House Providence Wednesday evening Dec 2^d at 7.00 and report to our next meeting.)

The Committee appointed to examine and settle the Treasurers accounts Report they have attended to their appointment, and find a Balance in his hands of Sixty six & 9/100 Dollars - and we propose that the Meeting should Raise Four hundred fifty dollars - and welcome Congdon for Treasurer.

Providence 10th mo 25. 1858

To Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting

signed for the Committee
Peter Peck
Thomas Harkness.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Providence Dec 3. 1858

By account, rec^d at this time for each of our Monthly Meetings it appears the following Friends are representatives to this Meeting, viz from Rhode Island Stephen Chase Geo. Anthony Jona Dennis & Jacob Mott, from Greenwich Wm Reynolds, Peter Peck & Marinus Parker, from Swansea The S. Gifford Barzilla Buffington & Abner Gluck, from Providence Jos. Miteall, Wm A Robinson Sam Boyd Tobey and James Dennis, from South Kingston Abel T Collins and Heriberto Babcock who are present.

Saml Boyd Tobey on behalf of the representatives informed the Meeting that they were united in proposing Gilbert Congdon for clerk & The S. Gifford for assistant clerk, which being approved by the meeting, they are appointed to those services for the ensuing year.

Our beloved Friend Samuel Taylor attended this meeting and presented a minute from Sidney Monthly Meeting expressing unity with his ministry.

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and present religious engagements. His company,
& religious services have been acceptable to us -
Our beloved Friend Mrs B Nichols attended
this meeting & presented a minute from Bassalboro
Monthly Meeting expressing unity with his
ministry & present religious engagement - His
company & religious services have been acceptable
to us -

Our beloved Friend Sewall Messer attended
the meeting & presented a minute from Sam. with
Monthly Meeting expressing unity with his
ministry and present religious engagement,
his company & religious services have been
acceptable to us -

The Clerk is directed to furnish the Friends
now in attendance copies of the minutes made on
their behalf -

Our beloved Friend Elizabeth Paige
attended this meeting & presented a minute from
Ware Monthly Meeting, expressing unity with her
ministry & present religious engagement, her company
& religious services have been acceptable to us -

Our beloved Friend Warrick Paige attended
this meeting as companion to our friend ^{Elizabeth} Warrick Paige,
& presented a minute from Ware Monthly Meeting
expressing unity with her as an Elder & with her present
engagement - Her company has been acceptable to us -

& the clerk is directed to sign on our behalf
minutes prepared in the Warrick Meeting embracing
the substance of the above -

The queries have been read at this time
with answers to the 12th from each of our
monthly meetings

Saml. Boyd Tobey on behalf of the Representa-
tives, informed the meeting that they had considered
the subject referred to them in the 11th mo. last,
and that in their judgment was, does not appear
at present for any change in the apportionments,

Our Monthly Meetings are requested to raise
Dols 4.50 for the use of this meeting & forward it to
the ^{Warrick} Treasurer in the usual proportions -

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Our Friend Hannah & Robinson informed this
Meeting that she felt a concern to attend the Monthly
meeting of Friends in N York, & ^{for} other religious service
within the limits of that Meeting, if way should open
for it, as expressed in a certificate from Swansea
Monthly Meeting. Her prospect after thoughtful
consideration was united with & she left at liberty
to attend there under the guidance of But Wisdom.
If the clerk was directed to sign on our behalf
an endorsement prepared by ~~our~~ the women's meeting,
embracing the substance of the above, and
David Buffum & Edmund Chace were appointed
a committee to give any necessary attention to the
subject -
Giles & Longdon Clerk

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends
held at East Greenwich 5th mo 5. 1859

By accounts rec^d at this time from each of
our Monthly Meetings it appears the following
Friends are Representatives to this Meeting, viz from
Rhode Island Josiah Chace, George Inthorn & The B Buffum
from Greenwich Peter Peck for a Friend & Mrs Reynolds
from Swansea Obadiah Chace. The S. Gifford & L. Rose. Buffington
from Providence Wm A Robinson Samuel W. Hall & The
Harkness, & from North Kingstown who are present except one
for whose absence a sufficient reason was assigned.

The queries have been read at this time, with
the answers from each of our Monthly Meetings, from
which the following summary has been prepared as
a description of our state, which we forward for the
information of the Yearly Meeting, by our Friends
Timothy C Collins, James Gossies, Jos. Metcalf
Edmund Chace, David Buffum Sam^l Boyl. Tobey
Josiah Chace, John A. Beader, Jos V. Vathony, Wm A Robinson
Peter Peck, whom we have appointed to attend the
Yearly Meeting as our Representatives -

Swansey Monthly Meeting propose that Jos.
Cotes be appointed as correspondent of that Meeting, in
the place of our friend Oliver Cates deceased -

224 Our Monthly Meetings report that they have taken the necessary care relative to raising the amt. called for by this Meeting in the 2^d m. last. and our Treasurer is directed to pay to the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting the amt. called for by minute of last year.

Testimonies from South Kingston Monthly Meeting concerning our late beloved friends Mary & Robinson & Huggins & Collins, both of them having acceptably occupied the station of Elders, were presented at this time, and being read & approved by this Meeting the clerk was directed to make indorsements to this effect on the same & forward them to our Meeting for sufferings.

The Clerk was directed to sign on our behalf the following communication to the Yearly Meeting. To the Yearly Meeting next to be held in Scotland for New England.

Dear Friends. The queries have been read in this Meeting with anxiousness from all of our Monthly Meetings, from which the following summary has been prepared as description of our state, which we forward for your information by our Friends Timothy G. Collins & others, whom we have appointed to attend the Yearly Meeting as our Representatives.

The report of the Committee in charge of the Boarding School was read & read and our Monthly Meetings were early supplied with copies of the same, together with 400 copies of the printed minutes of last year.

The London general Epistle for 1857 was read & read we trust to our edification & comfort & 450 copies were distributed ~~among our~~ among our Monthly Meetings.

We have directed the payment to the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting our proportion of the amt. called for by minute of last year.

~~Oliver~~ Oliver Earle an Elder of Swansea Monthly Meeting died 12th m. 4. 1858 aged 78 years, 10 months & 10 days.

Swansea Monthly Meeting propose that Joseph Carter be appointed as Correspondent of that Meeting in ^{the place} of our friend Oliver Earle.

Ans 1st All Meetings for worship and discipline have been attended except four small ones, and generally by the greater part of our members, except the afternoon meetings on first days and mid-week meetings, which are much neglected by some - the hour nearly observed, no unbecoming behaviour noticed, a few instances of sleeping excepted - some care taken in the above deficiencies -

Ans 2nd Love and unity generally maintained, detraction mostly guarded against, endeavors have been used to end differences, when they have appeared.

Ans 3rd Friends manifest a care to bring up those under their direction agreeably to the query, and to restrain them from reading pernicious books and from corrupt conversation & to be exemplary in these respects themselves - We trust the Holy Scriptures are frequently read in their families -

Ans 4th Spirituous liquors confined to medicinal purposes, except in one instance which is under notice - The unnecessary frequenting of taverns and places of public resort mostly avoided - Moderation & temperance observed on the occasions referred to -

Ans 5th The circumstances of the poor inspected and their necessities relieved - Their children fully partakers of learning - none placed out -

Ans 6th Parents & heads of families with the young & unmarried are generally careful that all proceedings with respect to marriage be conformable to our discipline -

Ans 7th We believe our testimonies are maintained with respect to the several parts of this query -

Ans 8th We believe friends are careful to observe the several parts of this query, with one or two exceptions in settling accounts & punctuality to promises, some care taken -

Ans 9th Marriages, births & deaths & burials duly recorded - some removals without certificate which are under notice -

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Ans 10th have taken to deal with offences conformable to the query, and to place judgment when necessary according to discipline.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Newport 18th m. 4, 1859

By accounts received at this time from each of our Monthly Meetings, it appears the following Friends are Representatives to this Meeting viz from Rhode Island The B Buffum for a Deafnist Wm S Richardson. Greenwich for a Fouborn Peter Park & Wm Reynolds, Swansea Jos. C. Anthony, The S. Gifford & Buzzille Buffington. Providence James Dennis The Hartsups & Jos & Priscilla, and from Skingstone Timothy C. Collins & Geo. S. Gould who are present.

Our beloved Friend Nathan Douglas attended this meeting & presented a minute from Durham Mo. meeting expressing unity with his minister, & present religious engagement. His company & services have been acceptable to us & the clerk is directed to furnish him with a copy of this minute.

The queries have been read at this time with answers to the 12, 10th from each of our monthly meetings.

The Representatives to the Yearly Meeting reported that they all attended except one who was prevented by bodily indisposition.

We have rec^d and read the London General Epistle for 1858 we trust to our edification & comfort, and being supplied with 440 copies hereof, ~~from~~ the Yearly Meeting, for our meetings & members, the representatives now in attendance are requested to take charge of the same.

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Our Monthly Meetings were early supplied ~~by~~
with 400 copies of the printed minutes of the
last Yearly Meeting, together with copies of the
report of the committee in charge of the
Boarding School.

We have rec^d the following minute from
the Yearly Meeting relative to stock & we appoint
Thomas Barker, John Shack & Mr Reynolds a
committee to examine & settle the Treasurers acct
consider what additional sum may be needed for
this meeting, propose the name of a Friend to
serve this meeting as Treasurer for the ensuing
year & report to our next meeting -

Yearly Meeting 6th mo. 1859

It is concluded to raise twelve hundred dollars
for the use of this Meeting the ensuing year which
the Quarterly Meetings are requested to forewarn to
David Buffum our Treasurer - The quota of N.S.
Quarterly Meeting is two hundred & seventy six dollars
(23 per cent) From the minutes of the meeting
Saml Boyd Libby, Clerk

This Meeting with the concurrence of the women's
meeting has united with Rhode Island Monthly
meeting in the appointment of George Anthony to the
station of an Elder & with Providence Monthly
Meeting in the appointment of Joseph Cartland
to the same station.

~~The subject of change of place in
holding this meeting, claimed our ~~consideration~~
attention at this time & the further consideration
thereof was referred to the representatives to be
appointed to attend our ^{next} meeting and ~~the~~
~~meeting~~ to meet at 10.00 on ~~the day of the~~ ^{the day of the} ~~meeting~~ ^{the day of the}
~~meeting~~ ^{the day of the} ~~meeting~~ ^{the day of the} ~~meeting~~ ^{the day of the}
and they are requested
to report to our ^{future} ~~next~~ meeting -~~

The subject of some change in the time &
place of holding this meeting, claimed our attention at
this time, & the further consideration thereof was referred
to the representatives to be appointed to attend our
next meeting, to meet at 10.00 on the day of the
Quarterly Meeting at the Meeting House and they
are requested to report at a future meeting -

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Woonsocket 11th mo. 3. 1857

By accounts rec^d at this time from each of our
monthly meetings it appears the following Friends
are Representatives to this meeting viz
from Rhode Island Stephen Lechase David
Buffum & Jos^a Dennis, Greenwich the Reynoldses
Pier Dick & Marinus Parker, Tarrytown
the Lechase, Abner Glade, Benjamin & Eliza &
~~Thomas~~ Gifford - Providence the Robinsons
Turner Marshall & John Albee & from
South Kingstown Timothy C. Collins John W. Knowles
& Geo. S. Gould who are present except one -

The queries have been read in this
meeting with answers to the 12 & 10th from
each of our monthly meetings

Our friend Mrs. W. Bude
returned at this time the endorsement furnished
him by this meeting in the 5th mo. 1858
with the information that he had been
favored to accomplish the service he then
had in prospect & to return to his home
with the blessing of peace - which
information is satisfactory to us -

We also produced satisfactory returning
minutes from Western Indiana Yearly
Meetings, Farmington Scipio, Salem (Iowa)
Red Ledges & Fairbough Quarterly Meetings
and from Bloomington Fairbault,
Upper Springfield Salem & New Garden
Monthly Meetings -

The committee appointed to
settle the Treasurers acct. and for other
purposes presented the following report
which is satisfactory & we accordingly
appoint Melrose Congdon our Treasurer for

Yearly Meeting, 6th Month, 1859.

The Committee for the superintendence of the Boarding School, presented their Annual Report, as follows:

"TO THE YEARLY MEETING.

The Committee for the superintendence of the Boarding School at Providence, have given their attention to the duties of their appointment.

For the summer term of the School, there were admitted one hundred and seven scholars, of whom fifty-nine were males, and forty-eight were females, and for the winter term, one hundred and fifty-one, of whom, eighty-three were males, and sixty-eight were females. All of these, except in a few cases of leaving on account of ill health and other causes, have been in attendance through the terms. So that with these few exceptions, instruction has been furnished in the School, equal to one term each, to two hundred and fifty-eight scholars.

This instruction we believe to have been efficient in the several branches taught, and imparted in a manner, acceptable to the scholars and satisfactory to the Committee.

The deportment of the pupils generally, we are thankful in being able to say, has been orderly, and their attention to, and improvement in their studies, commendable.

Meetings for worship have been held as heretofore, in the school house, on First Day mornings. They have been attended, with two exceptions, by members of the Committee, and often by other concerned Friends, and they have generally proved seasons of much interest and solemnity.

Instruction for the purpose of giving to the scholars a knowledge of the invaluable contents of the Holy Scriptures, have formed part of the regular exercises of the school, and a concern has been manifested, that the tender minds of the children, should be nurtured in that way which will best secure their future, in a course of virtue and uprightness, consistently with the profession of Friends. Harmony has been preserved in the family, and a kindly feeling and desire to promote the best interests of the school have prevailed.

We have had during the year, the valuable services of Joseph Cartland, and his wife Gertrude W. Cartland, who have acceptably filled the stations of Principals of the school, under the arrangement made with them, in the year eighteen hundred and fifty-six.

They were assisted by John F. Rowell, Rebecca D. Wing and Mary S. Harris, as teachers of the English branches; by Franklin E. Paige, as teacher of Mathematics; by D. Dana Patten, as teacher of Greek and Latin; by Alphonse Renaud, as teacher of French and German. Mary D. Butler, has been employed as a teacher in the school.

At the close of the summer term, two female scholars, having completed the full course of study, as prescribed by the rules of the school, were presented with duly authenticated certificates or diplomas of scholarship, heretofore agreed to be given in such cases.

A valuable addition has been made to the conveniences and advantages of the School, in the erection, on the grounds on the western side of the school house, of a building for the purpose of exercise; and by the liberality of the officers and scholars in the west wing, this building has been furnished with a valuable apparatus for such exercise, calculated to develop and strengthen the bodily powers and to promote health; and this building and apparatus, have been gladly occupied by the male scholars to their evident advantage; similar provision having heretofore been made for the girls school, and which has been much improved during the last year.

A very desirable addition to the library at the school, has also been made, consisting of nearly five hundred volumes of works of standard value, and of more recent publication than was before there;—thus adding much to the interest of the collection, without cost to the Institution.

The financial results of the year, by an examination of the accounts, which were found to be well vouched and correct, may be stated as follows, viz:

CHARITABLE FUND.	
Receipts from the income of the Fund	\$257 50
Due the treasurer at this time	97 50
	\$355 00
CHARGES ON THE FUND.	
Due the treasurer last year	\$75 00
Payment for board and tuition of seven scholars, one term each	280 00
	\$355 00

The income of this fund the present year, is not expected to exceed that of the last, so that after the present indebtedness of the fund to the treasurer is deducted, there will remain \$160, and this is chargeable with the board and tuition of one scholar admitted for the present summer term, leaving \$120 for appropriation the ensuing year.

GENERAL FUND.	
Receipts from income of the School Fund	\$5,892 84
Payments,—	
Fire insurance, premium	\$165 00
Interest	183 07

Repairs and additions on school premises, including some payments for former years and balance due principal	\$2,795 95
Which has been in part provided for by private subscription to the amount of	365 00

	2,430 95
To Joseph Cartland, on contract	3,000 00
	\$5,779 02

Leaving a surplus of	113 82
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Which applied to the indebtedness reported last year, at \$2,285 69, leaves the present indebtedness \$2,171 87.

We propose that the terms of the school, commence and continue as last year, and that the charge remain the same, viz: \$40 per term for members of our Yearly Meeting, \$60 for members of other Yearly Meetings, and where one or both parents are members of our religious society, or the scholars are sent at the own proper charge and expense of such members, and \$100 for any others, payable in advance. That \$5 additional charge be made, as heretofore, for instruction, either in the Ancient Languages, in French or in Drawing. Books and stationery being furnished at actual cost.

The regulations, respecting the time of payment, manner and times of admission of scholars, &c., which have been transmitted to the subordinate meetings heretofore, we again append to this report; and we desire that the attention of our several Monthly Meetings may be particularly called to the conclusion of the Yearly Meeting in the year 1855, which was made after much deliberation, and is as follows, viz:

"That Monthly Meetings take care, by committees, that suitable inquiries be made as to the fitness of scholars, proposing to enter the school, belonging to their respective Meetings; and to such as said committees shall approve, to give certificates; which certificates shall be required by the School Committee, in order for admission."

It is very desirable that this conclusion of the Yearly Meeting should be strictly complied with, as we believe the best interests of the school require such compliance.

In conclusion, we commend the Institution to the continued care and concern of the Yearly Meeting.

Regulations referred to in the above report of the School Committee.

"As the number to be admitted is limited to eighty of each sex, it will be necessary that the committee should be seasonably informed of all in this Yearly Meeting that desire to occupy places in the school, in order that they may determine how many others, if any, may be received.

Application should therefore be made for members of our Yearly Meeting, seasonably to be laid before the committee at their meetings to be held in the 3d and 9th months—as heretofore determined by the Yearly Meeting.

At these meetings, applications for the admission of members of our Yearly Meeting, will have precedence of all others.

After this time, applications for the admission of scholars, will be considered in the order in which they are made.

Monthly Meetings desirous of occupying the privilege of the Charitable fund, are requested to send their applications as heretofore, in season for the meeting of the committee in the 9th month, and to specify whether they desire it during the winter or succeeding summer term. And friends are requested to observe the various regulations adopted by the Yearly Meeting, in order for admission of scholars into the school.

It is desired that payment for each term be made in advance.

It is expected that scholars will be at the school punctually at the commencement of the term; but if circumstances occur to prevent such attendance, notice is to be forwarded to the Principals, within one week of that time, stating whether or not their places are desired to be reserved for them. A failure to attend the school or to give the notice above specified, shall be considered a relinquishment of the privilege, unless again admitted by the committee; and in all cases of children being admitted for the term, and attending the school, it is expected that payment will be made for the term.

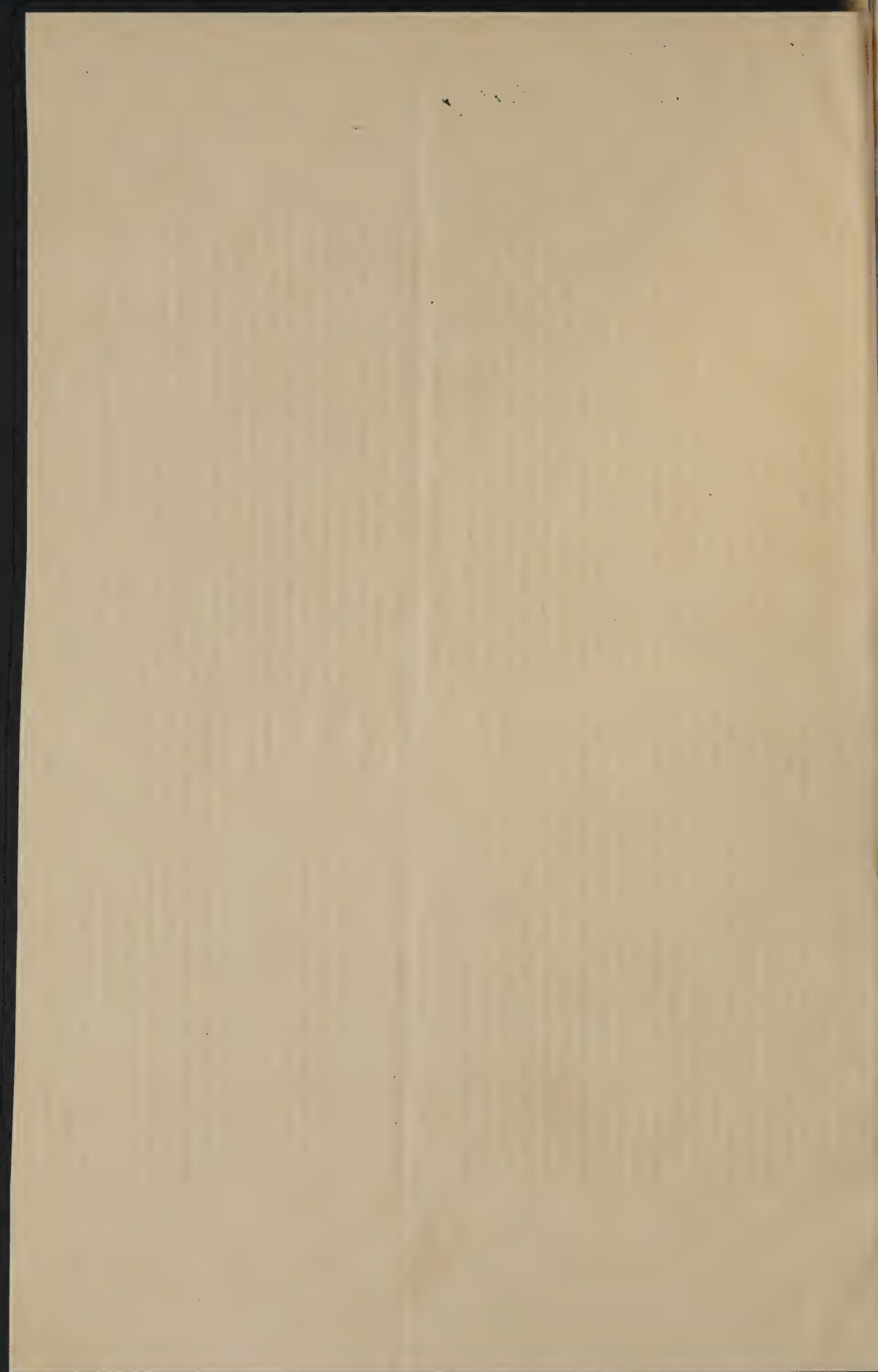
Friends of pupils, and others, visiting the school, will in future be expected to defray the expense arising to the Institution.

Application for admission into the school, and for the benefit of the Charitable Fund, is to be made to the Principals.

Address JOSEPH CARTLAND,
Principal Friends Boarding School, Providence, R. I."

From the Minutes of the Meeting;

SAMUEL BOYD TOBEY, Clerk.



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ensuing year or until another appointment
and our monthly meetings are
required to forward to him the amount
therein called for.

To Rhode Quarterly Meeting

Synodally to appointment, we have examined
& settled the Treasurer's account & find a balance
in his hands of One hundred, Sixty, seven dollars
& 78 cents - And propose Three hundred and
fifty dollars as a suitable sum to be raised for the
use of the meeting - and welcome Congreg for
Treasurer - Providence 10mo 17. 1859
signed Thomas Wadsworth & Ben. Hall & W. Reynolds
committed -

Our Friend Hannah C Robinson
returned at this time the endorsement
furnished her by this meeting in the
Dmo lent with the information that
way had not opened for the accomplishment
of the service she then had in view.

230 At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of
Friends held in Providence Nov. 2nd 1860
By accounts received at this time from each
of our Monthly Meetings it appears that
the following Friends are "Representatives
to this Meeting viz. from Rhode Island
Joseph E. Macomber, Jacob Chase, and
George Anthony, from Greenwich, Perez Peck,
Jonathan Freeborn, and Edward Buffington,
from Dursey, Joseph C. Anthony, Abner
Slade, and Samuel Gifford, from Providence
Joseph Cartland, Gideon C. Smith, and
Joseph Metcalf, and from South Kingston
Timothy C. Collins, and Edward W. Collins
who are present except two. Perez Peck on behalf
of the Representatives, announced their Meet-
ing that several of their number had con-
ferred together and were united in propos-
ing Elliot Congdon for Clerk, and Thomas
S. Gifford for assistant Clerk, which being
approved of by the meeting, they are
accordingly appointed to these offices for
the ensuing year.

The Queries have been
read at this time with answers to the 1st
2nd & 10th from each of our Monthly Meetings.

We have received information
at this time that our Monthly Meetings
have directed the payment to our Treasurers
of their several proportions of the amount
called for in the 11th mo. last.

Our blood friend Eliza M. Farn,
attended this meeting, and presented a mini-
ute from Litchfield Monthly Meeting, ex-
pressing unity with her as a minister, and
with her present religious engagement.
Her company and religious services have
been accept. ~~to~~ to our.

Our beloved friend Noah Fair attended this meeting as companion to his wife Eliza H. Fair, and presented a minute from Litchfield Monthly Meeting expressing unity with him as an Elder and with his present engagement. His company has been acceptable to us.

The clerk is directed to present our Friends in attendance with copies of minutes made on their behalf.

With the concurrence of the morning meeting, this meeting unites with Rhode Island Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Ruth Anthony to the station of Elder, and with South Kingston Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Mary D. Collins to the same station.

5th Mo 3. 1860

A Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of
Friends held at East Greenwich 5th Mo 3. 1860

By accounts received at this time from each
of our Monthly Meetings it appears the
following Friends are Representatives to this
meeting viz - from Rhode Island, P^{er} Dennis,
Stephen Chace & Geo Bowen; from Greenwich
Solomon R Knowles Merinus Parker & Peter Pick,
Swarney Sam^l Gifford W^m Chace & Lilly Gifford,
Providence Thomas Marknes Wilcom Congdon
James Dennis & Joseph Mitealy, and from
South Kingstown Hosea Rich Babcock & Edward W Collins
who are present.

The queries have been read in this
Meeting with answers thereto from each of our
Monthly meetings from which the following
Summary has been prepared as description
of our state which we forward for the information
of the Yearly Meeting by our Friends David
Burrum Miss W Budge Sam^l Boyd Tobey,
The S. Gifford, Joseph Mitealy Peter Pick
Timothy W Collins Gage & Anthony Gilbert Congdon
& Henry Glade whom we have appointed our
Representatives -

Our Treasurer is directed to pay to the
Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting the amount called
for by minutes of last year.

A testimony from Greenwich Monthly
Meeting respecting our beloved Friend Rowland
Grave deceased was presented at this time and
being read & approved the clerk was directed
to make an endorsement thereon to this effect &
forward it to the Meeting for sufferings.

This Meeting with the concurrence of
the women's Meeting is united in proposing to
the Yearly Meeting, that the Quarterly Meeting of
Ministers & Elders held in the 3rd Mo be
changed from 11.00 in the morning to 3.00 in
the afternoon and that the same Meeting

convene in the 8th & 11th months at 3.00 in the 233
afternoon instead of 2.00—

The clerk is directed to sign on our behalf
the following communication to the ^{General} meeting
of the Association.

To the Yearly Meeting to be held on B.S.
for New England
Dear Friends

Dear Friends

The queries have been read in this Meeting with answers from all of our Monthly meetings, from which the following Summary has been prepared as descriptive of our state, which we forward for your information by our Friends David Buffum Mrs. H. Burd. Saml Boyd Tobey Thomas S. Gifford Joseph W. Hiteah, Peter Pick. Timothy C. Collins George Anthony Gilbert Congdon & Abner Glade, whom we have appointed to attend the Yearly Meeting as our Representatives

Our Treasurer is directed to pay to the Treasurer of the Church Meeting the amt. called for by minute of last year.

A testimony from Governor's Monthly Meeting
repetition our beloved Friend Benjamin Saunders
was presented at the time as well being read and
approved. The report of the Committee in charge
of the Boarding School was rec^d. we also rec^d. 400
copies of the printed minutes, of last year.

The Lib. Am. General Epistle for 1858 was read & 440 copies were distributed among our monthly Meetings. This Meeting has united with R.B. Monthly Meeting in the appointment of George Anthony & Ruth Anthony to the Station of Elders and with Providence Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Jos. C. Randall & with S. Kingston Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Mary & Hollens to the same Station. We are united in proposing that the hour of Meeting of our ^{Quarterly} Meeting of Ministers & Elders in the 5th mo be changed from 11 o'clock in the forenoon to 3 o'clock in the afternoon of the same day; and that the same Meeting convene in the 8th & 11th months at 3 o'clock instead of 2 o'clock.

8th Month 1860

Daniel Anthony, an Elder, and member of Greenwich Monthly Meeting died 5th mo. 1859 aged 88 years 5 months & 14 days. Edmund Leace, an Elder and member of Swansea Monthly Meeting, 7th mo. 1859 aged 72 years, 2 months & 23 days. Rowland Gurn, a Minister and member of ~~Swansea~~ ^{Greenwich} Monthly Meeting, 8th mo. 19th 1859 aged 88 years 8 months & 25 days, and Anne Anthony, an Elder and member of the same Meeting, 4th mo. 16th 1860 aged 88 years 6 months & 4 days.

Greenwich Monthly Meeting proposes that Peter Park be appointed Correspondent in that Monthly Meeting in place of our dear friend Rowland Gurn deceased -

Summary of Answers

1st All our Meetings for worship & discipline have been attended except 6 small ones, for which reasonable excuses have been rendered; those in the morning of First day by Friends generally in the afternoon of that day & in the middle of the week they are more neglected; The hour nearly observed and no unbecoming behaviour apparent except some instances of sleeping - some care taken -

2^d Love and unity are generally maintained & detraction mostly guarded against - Endeavors have been used to end differences where they have appeared -

3^d Friends are mostly careful to bring up those under their care in plainness, to restrain them from pernicious reading and corrupt conversation - generally good examples herein themselves - We believe the Holy Scriptures are frequently read in Friends families -

4th Careful to avoid the use of spirituous liquors except for medicine, the improper frequenting of taverns & places of public resort & to keep in moderation & temperance on account of birth, marriages & on other occasions -

5 - The circumstances of the poor are attended to & their necessities relieved, their children put under of learning to fit them for business - none placed out poor

among Friends -

8th month 1860

6th Parents & heads of families with the young & unmarried are generally careful that their proceedings with respect to marriage be conformable to our discipline -

7th We believe our testimonies are maintained in the several particulars of this query.

8th Generally careful to insput their affairs and settle their accounts; punctual to their promises with one or two exceptions & unjust in the payments of their debts & careful to live within their ~~bounds~~ means - Some care taken -

9th Records duly attended to - a few removals without certificate - Some care taken -

10th Generally careful to deal with offenders as queried and to place judgment according to discipline.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends
held at Newport 8th mo 2. 1860

By accounts rec^d at this time from each of our Monthly Meetings it appears the following Friends are Representatives to this Meeting viz from Rhode Island Jacob Leace Jacob Matt and Wm S Richardson, from Greenwich Peter Peck, Jon^s Truborn and Solomon R Knowles, from Swansea Tho S Gifford Jrs. G Anthony and Obadiah Leace. from Providence Gilbert Congdon Gideon G Smith and Joseph W Steward, and from South Kingston Timothy G Collins & Pettitt Collins who are present except one for whose absence a sufficient reason was given.

The queries were read in this Meeting with answers to the 1st 2^d 10th from each of our monthly meetings -

The Representatives to the Yearly Meeting reported that they attended -

We have rec^d the following minutes from the Yearly Meeting relative to stock, and we appoint Abner Shade Tho. Harkness and Pen

8th Month 1860

Peck a committee to examine & settle the
Treasurer's account, consider a sum for this
Meeting to raise, propose the name of a
Friend to save us as Treasurer for the ensuing
year, and report to our next Meeting.

" Yearly Meeting 6th month 1860—

It is concluded to raise twelve hundred dollars
for the use of this Meeting the current year which
our Quarterly Meetings are requested to forward to
David Buffum our Treasurer— The quota of Rhode Island
Meeting is two hundred and seventy six dollars
(Dols 276—23%) From the Minutes of the Meeting
Sam^l Boyd Tobey Clerk—

The London General Epistle for 1859 was
read at this time and we commend its acceptable
and instructive contents to our members, and
having received 440 copies, ^{for our present meetings & members} the representatives
now in attendance are requested to ^{take charge of the same} ~~distribute the same~~.

Our Monthly Meetings were early
supplied with 440 copies of the printed Minutes of
our ~~late~~ ^{the} Yearly Meeting ~~and~~ of the present year, and
also with copies of the Report of the committee in charge
of the Boarding School.

We have rec^d the following minutes from the
Yearly Meeting and we desire that the excellent
advice contained therein may be duly appreciated.

Yearly Meeting, 6th Month, 1860.

The committee in charge of our Boarding School, at Providence, presented their annual report, which is satisfactory to us;—and much sympathy was felt and expressed for those who have acted in our behalf, in consequence of some cases of severe, and two of fatal sickness in the institution, since the commencement of the present term, but which we thankfully trust may not extend further.

The report of the committee is as follows, viz:—

“ TO THE YEARLY MEETING.

The Committee for the superintendence of the Boarding School at Providence, report:

That for the Summer term of the school, there were admitted one hundred and thirty seven scholars; seventy-one males and sixty-six females; and for the Winter term, one hundred and seventy-seven scholars; ninety-seven males and eighty females; and with few exceptions, arising from ill health or other causes, they attended through these terms respectively.

Our friends Joseph and Gertrude W. Cartland, have acceptably served the Institution as principals, on the same terms as heretofore. They have been assisted by the following teachers, viz: In the Summer term, John F. Rowell, Samuel T. Satterthwaite, Mary S. Harris and Elma M. Dame, in the English Branches; Franklin E. Page in Mathematics, Robert Henry Duncan in Greek and Latin; Alphonse Renaut in French and German, and Mary A. Potter in Drawing. In the Winter term, in the English Branches, the same teachers were employed, with the exception of Samuel T. Satterthwaite, and the addition of Mary Anna Stanton and Ellen L. Whittier. In Mathematics, Henry L. Pinkham was employed; in Natural Science, Samuel Austin, and in Penmanship, Harvey Maxfield. In the other branches, the teachers were the same as in the Summer term.

We have had, the past year, to record the removal, by death, of one of these teachers, and at our meeting in the First Month, we thought it right to place on our records, the following minute in relation thereto, viz:

“In recording the removal by death of our beloved young friend Mary S. Harris, we believe it right to express our sense of the excellence of her character, and of the loss we have sustained in this dispensation of our Heavenly Father, who determineth all things in His wisdom, and whose ways are past finding out.

“Educated in this Institution, going through with the full course of study recently established here, with much credit, and receiving the first diploma issued by us, she was introduced as a teacher into the school, and had discharged the duties of the appointment for about two years, with great acceptance to us, to her associate teachers, and to the pupils of the Institution.

“Soon after the opening of the present term, our dear friend was somewhat indisposed, and it was thought best she should be temporarily released from her school duties; and she went to the house of a relative in Waterford, expecting to return here in a few days. But He who knoweth what is best for us all, who seeth the end from the beginning and doeth all things well, had otherwise appointed. She gradually sunk under a typhoid fever, and was released from the pains and trials of mortality, the 4th of First Month, 1860; aged about 23 years.

“While we deeply feel our privation by her removal from us; while we tenderly sympathize with her afflicted relatives in their bereavment; we are comforted with the assured belief that she loved the Saviour, and that through His abounding mercy, she is received by Him into a place prepared for her in the mansions of His Father's house.”

We believe the Institution, in its several departments, has been satisfactorily conducted, and continues to afford a means for a useful and guarded education to those entrusted to its care. The department of the scholars has been generally commendable, and their improvement in their studies satisfactory.

Meetings for worship have been held, as heretofore, in the school house, on First Day mornings; and these meetings are believed to have been held in a manner according with their solemn purpose. They have been attended, with few exceptions, by members of the Committee and other Friends.

Scriptural instruction has formed a part of the regular exercises of the school, with the purpose of giving the pupils a knowledge of the contents of these invaluable writings, and impressing their solemn truths upon their minds.

At the close of the Summer term, seven scholars having completed the full course of study, as prescribed by the rules of the school, were presented with duly authenticated certificates or diplomas of scholarship, heretofore agreed to be given in such cases.

The accounts of the institution having been audited, exhibit the following result for the last year:—

CHARITABLE FUND.

Receipts from the income of the Fund,	\$165 00
Due the Treasurer, at this time,	92 50
	\$257 50
Charges on the Fund,	
Due the Treasurer, last year,	\$97 50
Payment for the board and tuition of four children, one term each,	160 00
	\$257 50

GENERAL FUND.

Receipts from the Income of the School Fund,	\$3,844 84
From a subscription,	50 00
	\$3,894 84
Payments,	
Fire insurance premium,	\$165 00
Interest,	170 15
Repairs and additions on School premises,	1,541 63
To Joseph Cartland on contract	3,000,000
	\$4,876 78
Leaving a deficiency of	981 94
Which added to the indebtedness reported last year, of \$2,171 87, makes the present indebtedness,	\$3,153 81

The deficiency above reported, arises principally from a falling short of the income of the School Fund, which was the last year from \$2,000 to \$3,000 less than in former years. It is not expected that this will again occur, and under the present arrangement, it is hoped that the debt may, in a few years, be extinguished.

We propose that the terms of the School commence and continue as last year, and that the charges remain the same, viz: \$40 per term for members of our Yearly Meeting; \$60 for members of other Yearly Meetings, and where one or both parents are members of our religious Society, or the scholars are sent at the own proper charge and expense of such members; and \$100 for any others, payable in advance. That \$5 additional charge be made, as heretofore, for instruction, either in the Ancient Languages, in French or in Drawing. Books and stationery being furnished at actual cost.

Which we submit to the consideration of the Yearly Meeting, with the belief that the Institution is usefully fulfilling the design of its founders.

Signed on behalf and by direction of the School Committee,
STEPHEN A. CHACE, Clerk.”
Providence, fifth Month, 8th, 1860.

REGULATIONS OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

“As the number to be admitted is limited to eighty of each sex, it will be necessary that the committee should be seasonably informed of all in this Yearly Meeting that desire to occupy places in the school, in order that they may determine how many others, if any, may be received.

Application should therefore be made for members of our Yearly Meeting, seasonably to be laid before the committee at their meetings to be held in the 3d and 9th months—as heretofore determined by the Yearly Meeting.

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Application for admission into the school, and for the benefit of the Charitable Fund, is to be made to the Principals.

Address JOSEPH CARLAND,

Principal Friends Boarding School, Providence, R. I.

The Minute prepared by the Meeting for Sufferings in relation to the official steps to be taken in liberating Ministers for religious service, claimed our solid consideration, and was united with, and the Clerk is directed to furnish copies of it to our several subordinate Meetings. It is as follows:

"When a Minister has a prospect of religious service, which according to our Discipline requires the unity of the Monthly Meeting, previous to its being brought to the consideration of said Meeting let it be laid before the preparative meeting of Ministers and Elders, held at its stated time, or specially convened for the purpose, and if the friend is encouraged or left at liberty to do so, he should spread his concern before the Monthly Meeting, and let that Meeting take full time, under a very weighty sense of its responsibility, for solid and careful deliberation, before granting a certificate.

In cases requiring the judgment of the Quarterly Meeting, and said meeting unites with the concern, let it endorse its certificate as now required by Discipline; and if the concern is for a general or extensive visit, and the Quarterly Meeting shall advise that it go before the Yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders, let it be carried there for its unity and concurrence, before the friend enters upon such religious service.

And in all cases where the concern extends to territory beyond the Rocky Mountains, let it go before the Yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders in the same manner as is required when the prospect "extends to Europe or beyond sea."

The vital importance of the maintenance of a sound Ministry, and of its being at all times exercised under the fresh anointing and renewed qualification which the Holy Spirit alone can give, has claimed our weighty and solemn consideration, and we believe it right to recommend to Monthly and Quarterly Meetings an increase of care and solid deliberation before recording their unity with the gift, and approving the public appearances in the Ministry, of any of our members, and that the recommendation of the Discipline be carefully observed, that full time be allowed for clear evidence that the Lord hath called them to this weighty work."

This meeting is again introduced into deep exercise on account of deficiencies that have been reported in the answers to the Queries the present year, especially the answer to the 2d query, in regard to love and unity. We are sensible that the want of these essentials to our life as a body, may be confined to a few individuals, and yet, in an honest answer, appear to exhibit a greater extent of deficiency, than really exists in point of fact. In the present instance, it is, however, evident that there is an interruption of harmony, to a degree that cannot fail to prove injurious to individuals and to families, if

not to the body of the meeting. When one member suffers, all the members suffer with it. There is one Head over all things unto the Church. We have one Master, even Christ, and all of us are brethren. This is the condition of the Christian Church and of every one of its members; and when love and unity are interrupted between the professed followers of Jesus, we may be assured that there has been a want of watchfulness unto prayer, and that the voice and guidance of the good Shepherd have not been heard and followed. We know that in our weakness and fallibility, we are ever liable to err if we are not constantly engaged to walk in the love and in the fear of God. But our gracious and holy Leader has instructed us very minutely how to proceed with an offending brother. "If thy brother shall trespass against thee, go tell him his fault, between thee and him alone." We are not at liberty to speak of it to any one, not even to a fellow member, until we have taken this course with the offender; and if we neglect this first step, we do not observe the command of Christ, and become, ourselves, offenders against Him. We are confirmed in the belief, that if in the spirit of restoring love, we thus approach a brother who we apprehend has erred, we shall very often be favored to cause him to see and condemn the error of his way, and shall have the unspeakable comfort of having gained our brother; possibly of having saved a soul from death. If, unhappily, he will not hear us, the next step in the order of the Gospel is to take with us one or two more; and if he shall neglect to hear them, we are then to tell it unto the church. This is the order which the adorable Head of the Church has prescribed; this is the course which we, as a portion of that Church, have ever acknowledged as obligatory upon us; upon this, His explicitly declared law, is our Discipline founded in relation to offenders. To restore to the truth where any have departed from it, is the paramount object of christian care and labor; and a vital question for every one of us to answer, not only to the Church, but also unto Him who is to judge us in the last day, is whether we have kept his command in this respect. Have we observed His law to "do unto others as we would have them do unto us?" If this be our engagement, there is no place for tale bearing and detraction; no liberty for whisperings and insinuations that militate against a brother or any of our fellow men. Very fearful and destructive are the consequences of an indulgence in these practices, which have their origin and support in him who is characterized as the accuser of the brethren. To you, beloved friends, between whom that love and unity which are indispensable to christian brethren, have been in some measure interrupted, we desire most tenderly and earnestly to appeal. How short is the remaining day of your probation! How soon will you be called to stand before Him who has loved us with an everlasting love; who knoweth our hearts and watcheth over us every hour of our lives! Be willing we entreat you, closely to examine yourselves. Be willing to lie very low before the Lord. Remember your own need of forgiveness. Forget not that if we are saved, it will be as *pardoned sinners*. Seek to be clothed with the beautiful garment of humility. Ask, in self abasedness for the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Yield yourselves unto His gentle and pure teachings, and your hearts will not fail to be filled with love. Brother will seek to be reconciled unto brother, and in the exercise of that charity which thinketh no evil, each will prefer other to himself, and harmony and fellowship will be restored. "Be of one mind, live in peace, and the God of love and peace shall be with you."

The Clerk is requested to furnish a copy of the foregoing Minute, to our several subordinate meetings.

From the Minutes of the Meeting,

SAMUEL BOYD TOBEY, Clerk.

At Rhode Island Quarterly

Meeting of Friends held at Court-st. Coffee

By accounts received at this time from each of our Monthly Meetings, it appears that the following Friends are representatives to this Meeting—

From Rhode Island—
 Josiah Chase, Thomas B. Buffum,
 and George Sutherland—Greenwich—
 Corinne Park, Jonathan Green, and
 Jerry Bee—Swansea—Hiram Buffum,
 son, Thomas E. Gifford, John J. Gifford,
 and Sampson H. Gifford—Providence—
 William A. Robinson, Susan Hurd,
 and Joseph C. Wickham—South King-
 ston—Rev. J. Collins, and Wm. J. May—
 The Quakers have

been read at this time with answers to the
 1st 2nd and 10th from each of our
 Monthly Meetings.

The Committee
 appointed at our last meeting to settle
 the Treasurer's account, and for other
 purposes, presented the following report
 which is accepted, and we accordingly appoint
 Welcome Congdon our Treasurer for the
 ensuing year, and our Monthly Meet-
 ings are requested to forward to him
 their quota of the amount therein named
 (See below)

Our beloved Friend
 Lucy Collins attended this Meeting and
 presented a minute from Bolton Monthly
 Meeting expressing unity with her as
 a minister, and with her present engage-
 ment. Her company and religious
 service have been acceptable to us.

and the Cl. is directed to sign on
our behalf a minute embracing
the substance of the above.

3 The Committee appointed to examine
the Treasurer's account &c. report they
have attended to that service and find
a balance in his hands of \$190.62.
and propose that \$250.00 be raised
for the use of the Meeting and
Welcome Congregation for Treasurer.
Resolved 9 Nov 68. 1860

for the Committee } "Abner Stadi"
Thomas H. H. H. H.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Providence 2nd mo. 1861.

By accounts received at this time from each of our monthly meetings it appears the following Friends are representatives to this meeting viz. From Rhode Island Stephen Chase Jacob Chase & Mrs S. Richardson - From Greenwich Piers Peck Solomon R Knowles & Marinus Parker From Swansea Ellis Gifford Bassilla Buffington & Mark Anthony. From Providence Joseph Stetely Melrose Congdon & Joseph Cartland, and from South Kingston Peter W Collins & H. S. Perry, who were present except one for whom a satisfactory reason was given -

Piers Peck on behalf of the Representation reported that several of their number had conferred together and were united in proposing Gilbert Congdon for clerk and Thomas Gifford for assistant clerk which being approved by the meeting they are accordingly appointed to those offices for the ensuing year -

The queries have been read at this time with answers to the 1. 2 & 10th from each of the monthly meetings -

This meeting with the concurrence of the women's meeting is united with Rhode Island monthly meeting in the appointment of Elizabeth F. Chase to the station of Elder

Our monthly meetings report that they have either paid or given direction to pay to our Treasurer the amount called for by minutes of ~~last year~~ 11th month last

from Poor monthly meeting & testimony concerning our late beloved friend John Meader was read at this time and being approved the clerk was directed to make an endorsement thereon embracing the substance of this minute and forward it to the meeting for supplicants -

5th Mo. 2. 1861

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at
East Greenwich 5th Month 2^d 1861.

By accounts received at this time from each of our Monthly Meetings it appears the following Friends are representatives to this Meeting viz. Rhode Island - David Buffum - Giles Lorton - and George Anthony.

Greenwich. Jon^a Freeborn - Solomon Rocknolds - Perez Rose

Swansey - Abner Glade - Sam^l Gifford - Obediah Chace - Lloyd Chace from Providence. Joseph^l Metcalf - W^m A Robinson. Sideon O Smith and from South Kingston Timothy C Collins and Peter R Collins who are present

Our beloved friend Samuel Gifford attended this meeting and presented a minute from Sandwich Monthly Meeting expressing unity with him as a minister and with his present engagement his company and religious services have been acceptable to us and the clerk is directed to furnish him with a copy of this minute

The queries have been read in this meeting with answers thereto from each of our Monthly Meetings from which the following summary has been prepared which we forward for the information of the Yearly Meeting by our friends David Buffum. Joseph Metcalf. Sam^l Bord Tobe. Obediah Chace. Timothy C Collins. Gilbert L Condon. Levi Almy. Perry Teck. W^m A Robinson. and Sam^l Gifford. whom we have appointed to attend the Yearly Meeting as our representatives.

Our Treasurer has paid to the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting the amount called for by minute of last year.

With the concurrence of the womens meeting we unite with Rhode Island Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gift and in approving the public appearances in the ministry of W^m Richardson in the appointment of Ruth Chace to the station of Elder, and with Swansey Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Ruth B Gifford to the same station.

The Clerk is directed to sign on our behalf the following communication to the Yearly Meeting

Of the Yearly Meeting

Dear Friends—

The queries have been read in this Meeting with answers from all our sister churches from which the following summary has been prepared as descriptive of our state which we forward for your information by our friends David Bulfinch, Joseph Mattall, Sam^l Bondth, Cordiah Chase, Gilbert Langdon, Timothy L. Collins, Lot Alm, Ray Peck, W^m A. Robinson, and Sam^l Gifford, whom we have appointed to attend the Yearly Meeting as our representatives.

Our Treasurer is directed to to pay to the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting the amount called for by minute of last year.

The London General Epistle for 1859 was received and read at our Meeting in 8th Month and being furnished with 440 copies we distributed the same among our Monthly Meetings and commended its acceptable and instructive contents to our members generally.

Our Monthly Meetings were early supplied with 400 copies of the printed minutes of our last Yearly Meeting and with copies of the report of the committee in charge of the Boarding School. The minutes appended to the latter were read in our Meeting with desire that the salutary counsel therein contained might be duly appreciated.

We have united with Rhode Island Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gift and approving the public appearances in the ministry of W^m J. Richardson and with same Meeting in the appointment of Elizabeth B. Chase and Ruth Chase to the station of Elders and with Swansea Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Ruth B. Gifford to the station of Elder.

John Reader a Minister and member of Providence Monthly Meeting died 6th Month 7th 1860 aged 62 years 7 months and 4 Days.

Rannah Gould an Elder and member of Rhode Island Monthly Meeting died 7th Month 7th 1860 aged 80 years less one day.

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Susan Ann Buxum an Elder and member of Rhode Island Monthly Meeting died 3rd month 5th 1861 aged 72 years 10 months and 6 days.

Anna Shore an Elder and Member of Swansea Monthly Meeting died 8th month 19th 1860 aged 73 years 8 months and 25 days.

Summary.

- 1st All our meetings have been attended except three omissions which occurred in very small meetings for which sufficient reasons are generally given. quite a number are however often absent from some of our midweek meetings and those in the afternoon on first days. the hour is pretty well observed. no unbecoming behaviour noticed. a few instances of sleeping excepted
- 2nd Love and unity are maintained and detraction generally guarded against. No differences that have come to our knowledge except one case under notice
- 3rd A care manifested by Friends to bring up those under their direction in plainness and to prevent pernicious reading and corrupt conversation mostly careful in themselves we believe the Holy Scriptures are frequently read in our families
- 4th Careful to avoid the use of spirituous liquors except as medicine. the unnecessary frequenting of taverns and places of public resort and to observe moderation and temperance on the occasions referred to
- 5th The circumstances of the poor are attended to and their necessities relieved. their children partake of learning to fit them for business. none placed out
- 6th Parents and heads of families with the young and unmarried are generally careful that all proceedings with respect to marriage be conformable to our discipline
- 7th We believe our testimony well maintained as regards the several parts of this query, except two instances of voluntary enlistment for military service and one instance of contributing to the support of Priest ^{houses} in which some care has been extended.

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8th Friends are careful to inspect their affairs and settle their accounts punctual to their promises and just in the payment of their ~~debts~~ except in one or two cases which are under notice, we believe friends are careful to live within the bounds of their circumstances.

9th Careful as to records, some removals without certificates, most of which are under notice

10th Friends endeavor to deal with offenders as queried after, and to place judgment when necessary according to discipline.

St. Rollo Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Newport 8th Nov. 1861

By accounts rec^d at this time from each of our monthly meetings it appears the following Friends are Representatives to this meeting, viz from Rhode Island Jonathan Lane Josiah Chace & Geo. Anthony - Greenwich John Frobner & Sam. Peck - Swansea Jos. C. Anthony - Barre Billia Buffington & Samuel Gifford. Providence Joseph C. Chace Thomas Warkness & the H. Robinson and South Kingston Timothy C. Collins & Edward W. Collins, who are present.

The Clerk being absent Sam. Boyd Schoys is appointed Clerk for the day.

The queries have been read with answers to the 1 2 4, 10th from each of our Monthly Meetings.

In the account with Greenwich Monthly Meeting we have recd the following information viz "We may inform that this Meeting has discontinued Cranston Preliminary Meeting, and also Meetings for worship, both on first days, and in the middle of the week, and united the members to the Coventry Preparative Meeting."

The Representatives to the Yearly Meeting inform that they all attended.

We have recd the following minute from the Yearly Meeting.

(Meeting. Viz.

Year 2 (Meeting 6th Nov. - 1860)

It is concluded to raise \$1200. for the use of this Meeting the present Year, which the Quarterly meetings are requested to forward to David Burgess our Treasurer. The quota of Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting is two hundred and eighty eight dollars (\$288) 24 per cent.

From the minutes of the meeting

Samuel Boyal To be Clerk

Whereupon we appoint our friends Thomas Hartness Abner Slade and Gideon C. Smith to settle the Treasurers account and propose a suitable sum to be raised for the use of this meeting the present Year and the name of a friend for Treasurer.

Our beloved friend Elizabeth Meader a Minister in unity with us, in a feeling manner spread before this meeting a concern, which weightily rested upon her mind to attend in the love of the Gospel the approaching Yearly Meetings of Ohio, Western and Indiana, and if way opens for it, that of Baltimore, and to appoint a few Meetings within their limits. This engagement of our dear friend claimed our solid and sympathetic consideration, and was fully united with, and she was encouraged to pursue her prospect as truth may open the way. - The clerk is directed to sign the foregoing minute or one of like import on our behalf. - We appoint our friends Samuel Boyal To be Clerk, Joseph Metcalf, and Peter Peck ^{to render} any proper assistance, in her case.

The London printed Epistle for 1860 - and a printed address of London Meeting of the present year to Friends in North America in relation to the importance of the support of our Christian testimony & the peaceable nature of the Christian Religion in the present trying situation of our Country, have been read, and are comforting and strengthening to us. 500 copies of the former and 350 of the latter documents, are received and directed to be

YEARLY MEETING, Sixth Month, 1861.

The Committee having charge of our Boarding School at Providence presented their Annual Report, which is satisfactory to us, and is as follows, viz:

"TO THE YEARLY MEETING.

The Committee for the Superintendence of the Boarding School, report: That for the Summer term of the School there were admitted 131 scholars, 72 males and 59 females; and for the Winter term, 119 scholars, 77 males and 42 females.

It will be remembered, that at our last Yearly Meeting verbal information was communicated relative to the occurrence, early in the Summer term, of severe sickness and death. At that time the number of scholars was very much reduced, but after the interval of a few weeks the greater part returned, reaching 109 of the former number, viz: 67 males and 42 females. As the statements made at that time were very minute, we would now simply inform that the sickness, so far as it respects the scarlet fever, was confined principally to the two cases that proved fatal.

We have continued to feel, from time to time, tender sympathy for the afflicted parents, with desires that He who bindeth up the broken-hearted may be their support and consolation. We trust that their great loss is gain to the dear departed children, and that these solemn events were sanctified to many. Amid the sore trials we passed through, we had cause humbly and gratefully to acknowledge an overruling Hand of Mercy.

Our friends, Joseph and Gertrude W. Cartland, acceptably served the Institution, as Principals, until the close of the Summer term, when the impaired health of the latter rendered it necessary for them to resign their responsible trust. They were assisted by the following teachers, viz: John F. Rowell, Harriet C. Woodman, Elma Dame, and Lois Anna Greene, in the English branches; Henry K. Pinkham, in Mathematics; Robert Henry Duncan, in the Greek and Latin languages; Alphonse Renaud, in French and German; and Mary A. Potter, in Drawing.

At the close of the Summer term, eleven scholars, having completed the course of study, as prescribed by the rules of the School, were presented with duly authenticated diplomas of scholarship. This occasion was also marked by the termination of our official connection with Joseph and Gertrude W. Cartland, who were instrumental in introducing this more extended and systematic course of instruction. For five years they faithfully and successfully served the Institution, and we recur to this period with much satisfaction, with desires that retirement and rest may restore our dear friend to health and continued usefulness.

Our former arrangements having proved satisfactory, it appeared desirable to continue the same or a similar plan. We were enabled to carry out our views in a modified form, by a contract entered into with Albert K. Smiley, who, with his wife, Eliza P. Smiley entered into an engagement to become the Principals and Superintendents.

The Winter term opened with the following as a Board of Instructors:—

ALBERT K. SMILEY, } Principals.
ELIZA P. SMILEY, }

ALFRED H. SMILEY, Associate Principal.

JOHN F. ROWELL,

RUFUS READ,

REBECCA H. SMILEY,

RUTH P. NICHOLS,

JOSEPH W. CONGDON, Assistant Teacher of Greek and Latin.

DR. LORENZ ENDERS, Teacher of French and German.

MARY A. POTTER, Teacher of Drawing.

Meetings for worship have been regularly held at the School House, on First day mornings, with a few exceptions, consequent upon the sickness in the summer. At that time, the scholars who remained availed themselves of the First day morning Meeting in the city, which they usually attend on the afternoon of that day, and in the middle of the week. The

Meetings at the School House have been attended, in nearly every instance, by members of the committee or other Friends, and we trust they have been seasons of favor and of interest.

The health of the scholars for the past year, with the exceptions already referred to, has been remarkably good.

Instruction in the Holy Scriptures has formed a part of the regular school exercises, and a concern has been cherished to discharge our duty in every respect towards the youth committed to our care, in harmony with our religious profession, and in dependence upon His blessing, who is Head over all.

The accounts of the Institution having been audited, exhibit the following result for the past year:—

The receipts for tuition, &c., with \$4,192 $\frac{35}{100}$ of the income from the Fund, have paid all the expenses of the establishment.

The remainder of the income has been expended for insurance and interest, and \$1,653 $\frac{1}{100}$ towards the reduction of the debt, leaving the present indebtedness of the Institution, \$1,500.

We propose that the terms of the School commence and continue as last year, and that the charges remain the same, viz:—\$40 per term for members of our Yearly Meeting; \$60 for members of other Yearly Meetings, and where one or both parents are members of our religious Society, or the scholars are sent at the charge and expense of such members; and \$100 for any others, payable in advance.

That \$5 additional charge continue to be made for instruction, either in the Ancient Languages, in French, or in Drawing, and that books and stationery be furnished at the same price as heretofore.

Signed on behalf of the School Committee,

GILBERT CONGDON, Clerk.

Providence, 5th month 7th, 1861.

REGULATIONS OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

"As the number to be admitted is limited to eighty of each sex, it will be necessary that the committee should be seasonably informed of all in this Yearly Meeting that desire to occupy places in the school, in order that they may determine how many others, if any, may be received.

Application should therefore be made for members of our Yearly Meeting, seasonably to be laid before the committee at their meetings to be held in the 3d and 9th months—as heretofore determined by the Yearly Meeting.

At these meetings, applications for the admission of members of our Yearly Meeting, will have precedence of all others.

After this time, applications for the admission of scholars, will be considered in the order in which they are made.

Monthly Meetings desirous of occupying the privilege of the Charitable fund, are requested to send their applications as heretofore, in season for the meeting of the committee in the 9th month, and to specify whether they desire it during the winter or succeeding summer term. And friends are requested to observe the various regulations adopted by the Yearly Meeting, in order for admission of scholars into the school.

It is desired that payment for each term be made in advance.

It is expected that scholars will be at the school punctually at the commencement of the term; but if circumstances occur to prevent such attendance, notice is to be forwarded to the Principals, within one week of that time, stating whether or not their places are desired to be reserved for them. A failure to attend the school, or to give the notice above specified, shall be considered a relinquishment of the privilege, unless again admitted by the committee; and in all cases of children being admitted for the term, and attending the school, it is expected that payment will be made for the term.

Friends of pupils, and others, visiting the school, will in future be expected to defray the expense arising to the Institution.

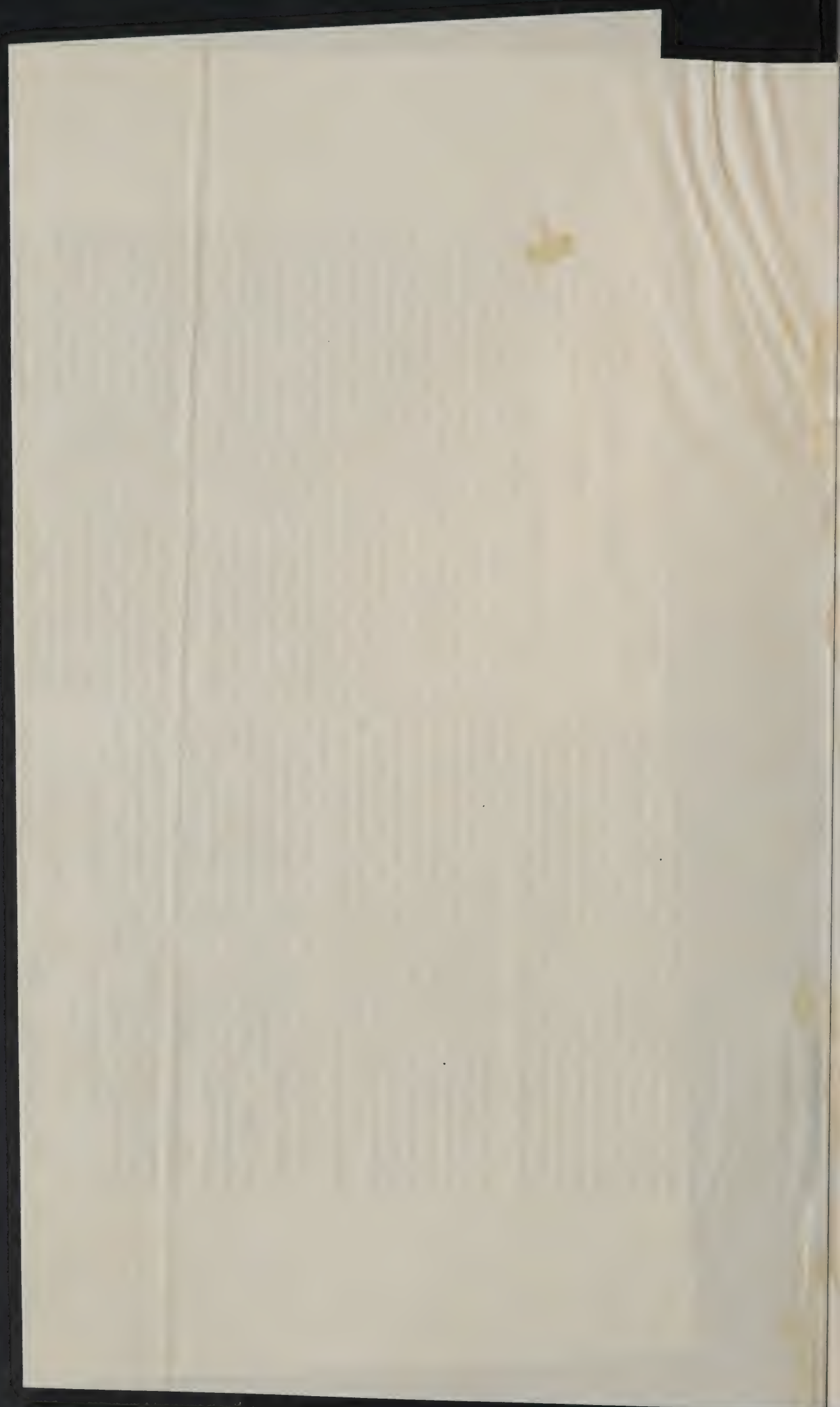
Application for admission into the school, and for the benefit of the Charitable Fund, is to be made to the Principals.

Address ALBERT K. SMILEY,

Principal Friends Boarding School, Providence, R. I."

From the Minutes of the Meeting.

SAMUEL BOYD TOBEY, Clerk.



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distributed thro' our Monthly Meetings to the families of friends.

We have also recd 400 copies of the printed minutes of the Yearly Meeting - 200 minutes of advice in relation to war and Slavery, and 12 copies of the School ^{Committee} report - for subordinate meetings and families, which are acceptable and instructive.

St Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Somerset 11th mo. 7. 1861

By accounts rec^d at this time from each of our Monthly Meetings it appears the following friends are representatives to this meeting, viz from Rhode Island Stephen Chase Levi Almy and George Anthony, Greenwich John Brewster and Peter Dick, Swansea William Chase Mark Anthony and James Keaton, Providence Turner Marshall Saml Boyd Tobey & James Robinson, and from South Kingston George S. Gould and Timothy & Collins who are present except one.

The queries have been read with answer to the 1st 2^d & 10th from our monthly meetings.

Our Friend Moses McBeck returned at this time the certificate granted him by Providence Monthly Meeting with our endorsement made in the 2^d month last, and in a written communication (the state of his health preventing his attendance) he informed us he had been enabled to accomplish the service he had in prospect to the relief and peace of his mind. He also forwarded copies of minutes from Farnham Quarterly and Farnham & Farnham Monthly Meetings expressing that his company & religious service were acceptable.

Eleventh Month 1861

The Committee appointed at our last meeting to settle the Treasurer's account and for other purposes presented the following report which is satisfactory, and we accordingly appoint Melcom Congdon our Treasurer for the year ensuing, and our Monthly meetings are requested to forward to him the amount proposed -

To Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting

The Committee on the Treasury report that they have examined and settled the Treasurer's account, and find a Balance due him of Twenty two dollars & 13 cents - and propose to raise Four hundred dollars for the requirements of the Meeting - and Melcom Congdon for Treasurer

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Signed Thomas Winkup for the Com^{tee}

Our Friend Elizabeth Meader returned at this time the certificate granted her by Providence mo. meeting with our endorsement made in the 8th mo, with the information that she had been favored to accomplish the service she had in prospect to the place of her round - She also presented satisfactory return minutes from Ohio Western Indiana & Baltimore Y Meetings all of which is satisfactory to us -

Gilbert Congdon Clerk

At a Special and Quarterly Meeting of Friends
held in Providence 2nd Mo. 6th 1862.

By accounts received at this time from each
of our Monthly Meetings it appears that the
following Friends are Representatives to this
meeting, viz— from North Scituate, George
Anthony, David Buffum and Josiah Chase,
from Greenwich— Marinus Parker and Solomon
W. Knarles, — From Swansea— Samuel Gifford,
Bazilla Buffington, and Mark Anthony
from Providence— Joseph Hildreth, Samuel
and William Congdon. — From South Scituate
Frederick C. Congdon and Mrs. E. Congdon are
present.

David Buffum on behalf of the Represent-
atives reported that several of their number had
conferred together and were united in proposing
Albert Congdon for Clerk and Samuel Austin
for assistant Clerk, which being satisfactory to
the meeting they are accordingly appointed to
the service designated, for the ensuing year.

Our beloved Friend

John Paige attended this meeting and presented
a minute from West Hill Meeting expressing
unity with his minister and present religious en-
gagement. His company and religious services
have been acceptable to us and the time is set
ed to sign on our minutes and submit same with a
copy of this minute.

The queries have been read
at this time with answers to the first, second
and third given even of our ... Meeting.

We are informed at this time
that all our Monthly Meetings have either
paid or directed the payment of their
several quotas of the amount called for on the
14th month last, to the Treasurer of this meeting.

Gift North 1862.

At a well attended & a happy Meeting of Friends
held in East Providence, N.H. 1st 1862.

The accounts received at this time from each
of our Monthly Meetings it appears that the
following Friends are Representatives to this
Meeting - viz -
From Rhode Island

George Anthony
Isaac Hathaway

Greenwich

George Gould
Jonathan Freeborn.

Wrentham

Moses Buffington
William Chase
Cladiah Chase &
Abner Shade.

Providence

C. T. Foley
Joseph Metcalf &
Thomas Harbison.

South Kingstown

John Y. Nichols

and Geo. J. Gould, who are present
except one, for whose absence a satisfactory reason
is given.

Our beloved Friend Francis W. Thomas
has attended this meeting and presented minutes
from New England Monthly and New England
Quarterly Meetings, Indiana, expressing unity
with his ministry and present religious
engagement. His company and religious
services have been acceptable to us, and the
Church is desirous to sign on our behalf & present
him with a copy of this minute.

Our beloved Friend
Dan H. attended this meeting as Com-
panion to our Friend Francis W. Thomas, and

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presented a minute from St. Garden. No. Meeting expressing unity with his engagement. His company has been acceptable to us. And the clerk is directed to furnish him with a copy of this minute.

The queries have been read in the meeting with answers thereto from each of our Monthly Meetings, from which the following have been prepared as a description of our state, which is forwarded by our Friends, David Truffum, Samuel Tifford, Joseph Melvill, Gilbert Congdon, Lemuel C. Collins, David Peck, William S. Richardson and Gladwin Chase whom we have appointed to attend the Yearly Meeting as our Representatives.

General Observations.
All our Meetings have been attended (except seven or eight of the omissions occurred in Trevelion) on First-day mornings by Friends generally - in the afternoons and on week days they are more neglected. The same remarks observed. No unnecessary talking is apparent except some instances of sleeping. Care taken in the above deficiencies.

2nd.

We believe love and unity are maintained except in two instances: A faction guarded against, no difference has come to our knowledge.

3d.

Friends are generally careful to bring up those under their direction in plainness as required, and to restrain them from pernicious reading and corrupt conversation. Most of good examples in these respects themselves. We believe the Holy Scriptures are frequently read in Friends' families.

4th. Friends are careful to avoid the use of spirituous liquors except for medicine; the unnecessary frequenting of taverns and places of public resort (except a few instances in one monthly meeting) and to observe moderation and temperance in the cases referred to.

5th -

The circumstances of the poor are inspected and their necessities relieved: their children partake of learning - none placed out from among Friends.

5th Month 1862.

6th

Parents and heads of families with the young and unmarried are generally careful that all proceedings with respect to marriage conform to discipline.

7th

A few are not as prompt in the maintenance of our testimony against a hiring ministry, as queried after, and their instances of solicitation for military service; all which are under review. We have not yet chosen to report the same results of this query.

8th

Generally careful as regards this query.

9th

Careful as to reports, care taken in relation to a few members within a limited circle.

10th

Friends exercise a care to deal regularly with offenders according to the usage, and to place out most active and efficient messengers according to discipline.

Our Treasurer is directed to pay to the Treasurer of the North Meeting the amount raised for by minutes of last year.

With the concurrence of the women's meeting we have united with Putnam Monthly Meeting in the appointment of William Chase to the Station of Elder.

The Clerk is directed to sign on our behalf the following communication to the N. Meeting with the concurrence of the women's meeting.

This meeting unite with Greenwich Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Stephen R. Hurd to the Station of Elder.

The subject of changing the place of holding our Quarterly Meeting in the N. H. to Fall River, claimed the attention of the meeting at this time and we appointed David Ruffin.

Mr. Anthony, Mr. Freeman, Mr. Gould, Mr. Plade,
Mr. Chase, Mr. Hovey, Mr. Harkness, Mr. Timothy
C. Davis to Mr. J. Gould, a committee to take
the proposed into careful consideration and
report at our next meeting. This committee are
also requested to consider whether a change in
the hour of holding our meeting, can ad-
vantageously be made. +

With the concurrence of the women's meeting
to have united with Providence Monthly Meeting
in the appointment of Elders to the stations of Elder
Dennis and Anna H. Dennis to the station of Elder

To the Yearly Meeting.

Dear Friends.

The queries have
been read in this meeting with attention from all
our Monthly Meetings, from which the following
summary has been prepared and descriptive of
our state, which we forward for your informa-
tion to our friends.

The London General Epistle for 1840, also a
printed address of London Yearly Meeting of the
present year, to friends in North America, in
relation to the importance of the support of our
Christian testimony to the peccable nature of
the Christian religion in the present trying situa-
tion of our Country, have been read and are
comforting and strengthening to us — 500 copies
of the former and 350 of the latter documents
were raised and distributed through our Monthly
Meeting to the families of Friends.

We have also re-
ceived 400 copies of the printed minutes of the
Yearly Meeting — 200 copies of the minutes of
advice in relation to war and slavery, and
12 copies of the Anti-Slavery Committee report, for sub-
sinate meetings and journals — which are acceptable
and instructive.

At the Meeting with the concurrence of the women's
Meeting, has united with Quakers. Monthly
Meeting in the appointment of William T. Lee
to the station of Elder - with Providence
Monthly Meeting in the appointment of
Charles C. Smith, James Dennis and Anna T. Dennis
and with Greenwich Monthly Meeting in the
appointment of Solomon R. Knowles to the same
station.

Our Treasurer has paid to you the
amount called for by minute of last year.
Whereas it appeared as Elder, and member
of Quakers Monthly Meeting - died, 12 Mo 24th 1861
and of year 5 Mo 2nd and 4 days.

YEARLY MEETING, SIXTH MONTH, 1862.

"TO THE YEARLY MEETING.

The Boarding School Committee report: That they have given attention to their appointment, during the past year, and feel justified in stating, that the various concerns of the Institution have been conducted in a satisfactory manner.

For the Summer term, 83 scholars were admitted, viz. 53 males and 30 females; and for the winter term 119, viz. 74 males, and 45 females.

The officers of the school have been, Albert K. Smiley and Eliza P. Smiley, Principals; Alfred H. Smiley, Associate Principal; John F. Rowell, Rebecca H. Smiley and Ruth P. Nichols, Teachers of English branches; Rufus Read, Teacher of Mathematics; Charles R. Paine, Assistant teacher of Greek and Latin; Alfred Gaudelet, teacher of French; Mary A. Potter, teacher of Drawing.

The health of the family and pupils has been good, which, under the divine blessing, we believe may in part be attributed to well directed gymnastic exercises which have been systematically pursued.

During the past winter, meetings for divine worship have been satisfactorily held in the school house, on first day mornings, and on first day afternoons, and in the middle of the week the meetings of Friends in the city have been attended.

The accounts of the Institution having been examined, show the following result for the past year.

The receipts for tuition, &c. with \$3800 from the income of the permanent fund, have paid the expenses of the school. The remainder of the income has been applied to the payment of interest, insurance, &c., and the liquidation of the debt, (\$1500) leaving the Institution free of indebtedness, and a balance of \$50.15 in the hands of the Treasurer.

A pretty large expenditure is now required in the outside painting of the buildings in order for their preservation, but we trust this may be made without involving the Institution in any indebtedness.

We propose that the terms commence and continue as last year, and that the charges remain the same, viz. \$40 per term, for members of our Yearly Meeting; \$60 for members of other Yearly Meetings, and where one or both parents are members of our religious society, or the scholars are sent at the charge and expense of such members; and \$100 for any others, payable in advance. And that \$5, additional charge, continue to be made for instruction, either in the ancient languages, in French or in Drawing, and that books and stationery be furnished at the same price as heretofore.

We again call attention to the "Regulations of the School Committee," which have been approved by the Yearly Meeting and are hereunto annexed.

Signed on behalf of the School Committee,

GILBERT CONGDON, Clerk.

Providence, 5th mo. 6th, 1862."

REGULATIONS OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

"As the number to be admitted is limited to eighty of each sex, it will be necessary that the committee should be seasonably informed of all in this Yearly Meeting that desire to occupy places in the school, in order that they may determine how many others, if any, may be received.

Application should therefore be made for members of our Yearly Meeting, seasonably to be laid before the committee at their meetings to be held in the 3d and 9th Months—as heretofore determined by the Yearly Meeting.

At these meetings, applications for the admission of members of our Yearly Meeting will have precedence of all others.

After this time, applications for the admission of scholars, will be considered in the order in which they are made.

Monthly Meetings desirous of occupying the privilege of the Charitable fund, are requested to send their applications as heretofore, in season for the meeting of the committee in the 9th month, and to specify whether they desire it during the winter or succeeding summer term. And friends are requested to observe the various regulations adopted by the Yearly Meeting, in order for admission of scholars into the school.

It is desired that payment for each term be made in advance.

It is expected that scholars will be at the school punctually at the commencement of the term; but if circumstances occur to prevent such attendance, notice is to be forwarded to the Principals, within one week of that time, stating whether or not their places are desired to be reserved for them. A failure to attend the school, or to give the notice above specified shall be considered a relinquishment of the privilege, unless again admitted by the committee; and in all cases of children being admitted for the term, and attending the school, it is expected that payment will be made for the term.

Friends of pupils, and others, visiting the school, will in future be expected to defray the expense arising therefrom to the Institution.

Application for admission into the school, and for the benefit of the Charitable Fund, is to be made to the Principals.

Address, ALBERT K. SMILEY,

Principal Friends Boarding School, Providence, R. I."

While engaged in the review of the state of Society, the vital importance of the right performance of the duty alluded to in the tenth query, was brought impressively before us, and we were feelingly reminded of the course prescribed in the Gospel, upon which our discipline is founded.

First, let the labor with an offending brother be between him and thee alone—then two or three may engage in the work; and if this be unavailing, the aid of the Church may be rightly invoked to exercise its authority, in the spirit of meekness and wisdom. A committee is to be appointed, free from prejudice, moving in the fear of God and in the love of Christ, to labor, in this love and in tenderness, to show the offender the error of his way, and to restore him to the right path; and if all this prove unavailing, then may the Church testify against his evil way, and, for the sake of the cause of Truth, dissolve his connection with our religious body. This course is according to the discipline and usage of our Society; and it is the sense and judgment of this Meeting, that the case must be of a very flagrant nature, in which the Truth would greatly suffer by delay, to justify a more summary proceeding. Friends are entreated to be sure that no root of bitterness exists in their own hearts,—a fatal disqualification for doing good to others. No one can tell how abundant may be the fruits of the labor, bestowed in the love and under the influence of the spirit of Christ, whether they are immediately manifested, or gathered after many days. "Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye that are spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness, considering thyself, lest thou, also, be tempted."

The Clerk is requested to forward this Minute to subordinate Meetings, to be observed by them.

From the Minutes of the Meeting,

SAMUEL BOYD TOBEY, Clerk.

THE HISTORY OF THE UNITED STATES

THE HISTORY OF THE UNITED STATES
OF AMERICA
FROM THE FIRST SETTLEMENTS
TO THE PRESENT TIME
BY
JOHN F. JOHNSON
NEW YORK
1857

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held
in Newport. 8th Mo. 7th 1862.

By accounts received at this time from each of our
Monthly Meetings, it appears that the following
Friends are representatives to this meeting - viz -
from Rhode Island - George Town, George Anthony,
and Isaac Hathaway - Greenwich - Perry Dick,
and Jonathan ^{2^d} Truborn - Swansey - Joseph C. Anthony
Moses B. Fenton and Samuel Gifford.

Providence - Turner Haskell. Thomas Harkness and
Wm A. ^{sup}Robinson. and from South ^{sup}Kingston -
Abel ^{2^d} Collins and Timothy C. Collins, who are pres-
ent except one.

Our beloved friend William Johnson
of Western Yearly Meeting, attended this meeting and
presented minutes from Plainfield Monthly and
Plainfield Quarterly Meetings, Indiana, expressing unity
with him as a minister and with his present
engagement. His company and religious ser-
vices have been acceptable to us.

Our beloved friend
John Henry Douglas attended this meeting, and
presented minutes from Dover Monthly Ohio and
Centre Quarterly Meeting, expressing unity with
him as a minister and with his present engage-
ment. His company and religious services have
been acceptable to us.

Our beloved friend John
Macy attended this meeting as companion
to our friend Wm Johnson, and presented a minute
from Hopwell Monthly Meeting Indiana,
expressing unity with him as an Elder, and with
his present engagement. His company has been accept-
able to us.

Our beloved friend Eli Harvey attended this
meeting as companion to our friend John Henry Douglas
and presented a minute from Springfield Monthly Meeting
Ohio, expressing unity with him as an Elder, and with

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his present engagement. His company has been acceptable
to us.

8th month 1862

The Clerk is directed to furnish ^{in attendance} the Friends present with
copies of minutes made on their behalf.

The queries have been read at this time with
answers to the 1st & 2^d and 10th from each of our
Monthly Meetings.

We have received and read at this time the
London General Epistle for 1861, and its acceptable
contents have been edifying and encouraging to us.
We are also furnished by our Yearly Meeting with
500 copies of the same for our subordinate
meetings and members.

Our Monthly Meetings were
early supplied with the printed minutes of our
late Yearly Meeting, and the report of the Committee in
charge of the Boarding School. We have received
and read the following minute of advice from
the Yearly Meeting relative to the proper observance
of the 10th Query.

We have received the following
minute from the Yearly Meeting relative to
stock, and we appoint Oliver Steele, Thos. Harkness
and Edwin C. Smith, a committee to examine
and settle the Treasurer's account, consider a
suitable sum for this meeting to raise and propose
the name of a Friend to serve this meeting as
Treasurer, reporting at our next Meeting.

Yearly Meeting 6th Mo. 1862.

It is concluded to raise twelve hundred dollars
(\$1200) for the use of this meeting the present year,
which the Quarterly Meetings are requested to pay
to David Buffum our Treasurer. The quota of
Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting is two hundred
eighty eight dollars (\$288) 24 percent.

From the minutes of the Meeting.

Samuel Boyd Tilly - Clerk.

The committee appointed at our last Meeting to consider the proposal of changing the place of holding our Quarterly Meeting in the 11th Month, inform that they have given attention to their appointment, but are not prepared to report at this time: they are continued and requested to do so at our Meeting in 2nd Month.

Representatives to the Yearly Meeting reported that they all attended.

11th Mo. 1862.

At Rhode Island Yearly Meeting of Friends held at Somerset 11th mo. 6th 1862.

By accounts received at this time from each of our Monthly Meetings, it appears the following Friends are representatives to this meeting - viz - from N. York and, Thomas A. Crippen -

George Anthony and Isaac Halloway - Presidents
 Perry Peck and Jonathan S. Sutor, - Treasurers
 Benj. A. Chase, Silas Cifford, and Jos. C. Anthony.

Also since Joseph Mellett, Samuel Lloydoley and Joseph C. Hicknam, and from S. Kingston - Abel F. Collins, and Timothy C. Collins who are present except one for whose absence a reason has been assigned.

The queries have been read in this meeting with answers to the 1st 2nd and 10th from each of our Monthly Meetings.

The committee appointed at our last meeting to settle the Treasurers account, and for other purposes presented the following report which is satisfactory - and we accordingly appoint Wilcome Congdon, Treasurer of this meeting for the ensuing year, and our Monthly Meetings are requested to forward to him their quota of the amount therein named.

We are informed through S. Kingston Monthly Meeting, that W^m S. Perry, an Elder and member of that meeting, died 4th of 8th mo. 1862 aged - 67 yrs. m. 3d.

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The Committee on the Treasury, report they have examined and settled the Treasurer's account and find a balance in his hands of sixty four dollars & 37 cents

They propose that three hundred and fifty dollars be raised for the use of the meeting and welcome Congdon for Treasurer. Providence Nov^r 11. 1862

Thomas Warkness
Gideon C. Smith
Eben Glade

A Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting
of Friends held at Providence 2^d Mo. 5. 1863

By accounts rec^d at this time from each of our Monthly Meetings, it appears the following Friends are Representatives to this Meeting, viz
from Rhode Island Stephen C. Chase Jacob Chase & Rev. C. Macomber from Greenwich John S. Sulmon & Geo. Gould, from Swanser Am. C. Chase Clark Anthony & Eben Glade, from Providence Thomas Warkness Gideon C. Smith & Am. & Robinson and from South-
ampton Peter H. Collins, Timothy C. Collins & G. S. Gould
who are present except two -

Gideon C. Smith on behalf of the representatives reported that a number of them had conferred together, and were united in proposing Elbert Congdon for Clerk & Am. C. Chase for Assistant Clerk, which being approved by the meeting they are accordingly appointed to the offices designated for the ensuing year.

Our beloved Friend Fannie John & Lucy attended this meeting and presented a minute from Wassalboro Monthly & Quarterly Meetings, expressing unity with him ^{as a minister and with} his present engagements what, this company and religious service, have been acceptable to us!

Our beloved Friend Sewell O'Dway attended this meeting and presented a minute from Saybrook Monthly Meeting expressing unity with ^{his} Ministry & with his present ~~and~~ engagement - His company

2nd month 1863.

religious service & have been acceptable to us 255

Our beloved Friend Sybil Jones attended this meeting and presented a minute from China Monthly Meeting expressing unity with her as a member and with her present engagement - Her company and religious services have been acceptable to us.

The clerk is directed to furnish the Friends in attendance, copies of the minutes made on their behalf, or embracing the substance thereof.

The queries have been read in this meeting with answers to the 1 2 & 10 from each of our monthly meetings -

South Kingston Mo. Meeting proposes the name of Peter H. Collins as correspondent of that meeting to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of W. S. Perry.

Information has been rec^d at this time that all our monthly meetings have either paid or directed to pay to the Treasurer of this meeting the amount called for by minutes of last ^{10th} month last - and our Treasurers directed to pay to the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting the amount called for by minutes of last year.

This Meeting unites with Swansea monthly meeting in acknowledging the gift and in appointing the public appearances in the Ministry of Elizabeth Hest, and we also unite with the same Meeting in appointing Sarah Wade to the station of Elder.

The committee under appointment relative to a change of place of holding our Quarterly Meeting in the 11th month, are of a change ^{from} ~~the~~ ^{now} place ~~at~~ which this meeting convenes - inform^{ing} at ~~this time~~ that they are not prepared to report at this time - They are continued & are desired to report at our next meeting.

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in the 54th page

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends
held at East Greenwich 5th May 1863 /

By accounts rec^d at this time from each of our
monthly meetings it appears the following Friends
are representatives to this meeting, viz from
Rhode Island Geo Brown George Anthony and Isaac
Mathaway. Greenwich Peter Dick & Solomon R Knowles
Savannah Obadiah Chace Saml Gifford & Baylies Chace
Providence Gilbert Congdon Thomas Winkens & James Dennis
South Kingston John T. Nichols & Edwin W Collins, who
are present

The queries have been read in this meeting
with answers from each of our Monthly Meetings,
from which the following Summary has been
prepared as descriptive of our state, which
we forward for the information of the
Yearly Meeting. Our Friends, David Buffum,
Samuel C. Collins, Perry Peck, Jos Metcalf,
Saml Holmes, Wm Chace, Wm A. Robinson,
and Gilbert Congdon — whom we have
appointed to attend the Yearly Meeting
as our Representatives —

The Committee now
under appointment relative to a change of
place of holding our Quarterly Meeting in
the 10th Mo., and to consider whether a change
of hour is desirable — informed the meeting
that they were united in the conclusion
that it will be best for the Yearly Meeting
to consider and dispose of the subject, in-
stead of a report from them — We now
therefore release the Committee, and defer
the ^{further} consideration of the subject to our
next Meeting.

This meeting closes with R. I.
Monthly Meeting in acknowledging

the gift & approving of the public appearance in the Ministry, of Cynthia Bowen.

We have received at ~~the time~~ the following minute from the meeting for Sufferings, which has been read at the time, and we gratefully acknowledge it as a very affectionate and encouraging. Our subordinate meetings and members were early supplied with copies of the same.

Our Clerk is directed to sign on our behalf the following communication to the Yearly Meeting.

To the Yearly Meeting

Dear Friends

We have rec^d and read in this meeting an acceptable printed minute from the Meeting for Sufferings held in the 3rd month last, conveying to our members counsel & sympathy in this time of trial, and which we trust may not be without usefulness to us.

Our subordinate meetings and members were early supplied with copies of the same.

The queries have been read at this time with answers thereto from each of our monthly meetings from which the following summary has been prepared as descriptive of our state, which we forward for your information by your Friends David Buffum (for other names see previous record) whom we have appointed to attend the Yearly Meeting as our representatives.

The London General Epistle for 1861 was rec^d & read, and its contents were uplifting & encouraging to us, and 500 copies of the same were forwarded to our meetings & members. We also rec^d & read an acceptable minute of advice from the Yearly Meeting relative to the proper observance of the 10th query, and copies thereof were forwarded to our monthly meetings, which were also early supplied with the printed minutes of last year, and ^{with} the report of the committee in charge of the Boarding School.

This meeting with the concurrence of the women's meeting, has united with Rhode Island Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gift and approving the public appearance in the Ministry of Cynthia Bowen - and with Swansea Monthly Meeting in a similar recognition and approval in the case of Eliza Wells - and also

258 with the latter Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Sarah Stode
to the station of Elder. Our Treasurer has paid to you the
amt. called for by minutes of last year — He would propose
Peter H. Collins as correspondent of South Kingston Monthly Meeting
to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of Mr. G. Perry.

^{Mr. G. Perry}
Jonathan & daughter an Elder & member of South Kingston Monthly
Meeting, died the 11th of 8th month 1862 aged 63 years 3 months 3 days.

Jonathan Kingdon an Elder & member of Providence
monthly Meeting died on the 2nd of 7th month 1862 aged 98 years
7 months 3 days. Signed by direction of the Meeting aforesaid

Gilbert Cary our clerk

General Answer 1st All our meetings have been attended
during the past year except nine small mid-week meetings
on the morning of first days by Friends generally; in the
afternoon of that day and in the middle of the week they are
more neglected — The hour nearly observed — An unbecom-
ing behaviour apparent except some instances of sleeping.

The accounts from our Monthly meetings state that
two of the above ommissions were occasioned by severe
storms, in two instances one member attended,
and that they all occurred in very small meetings.

Ans. 2nd We believe love & unity are maintained amongst us
with very little exception, and dissension generally guarded against —
When differences have arisen, endeavors have been used to end
them.

Ans 3rd Friends are generally careful to bring up those under
their direction care in plainness — to restrain them from
fornicious reading, and from corrupt conversation — and
endeavor to be good examples themselves — we believe the Holy
Scriptures are frequently read in Friends families —

Ans 4th We believe Friends are careful to avoid the use of spirituous
liquors except for medicine, and to attend to the other parts of this query.

Ans 5th The circumstances of the poor are attended to, and their children
freely partake of learning — None placed out from among Friends.

Ans 6th Parents and Heads of families, with the young &
unmarried appear to be careful that all proceedings with respect
to marriage be conformable to our discipline.

Ans 7th Our testimony to the purity of the Gospel Ministry
has we believe been maintained with two exceptions un-
noticed — Eight instances are reported of young men, who have
during the past year joined the military service of the U. States.

in which cases with one exception can has been extended—
 believe as respects the other parts of this query. *Note to 7th answer*
 Actual information was sent at this time that one monthly meeting
 (in which 4 young men had joined the military service of the U.S.)
 reported clean bill regard to military matters, from an apprehension
 that our important testimony queried after, is maintained by the
 exercise of care in the cases—The number thus corrected is 12—
 (twelve) —

Ans 8th believe as respects the several requisitions of this query
 with one exception under notice —

Ans 9th careful as to records — some removals without certificates —
 some care taken —

Ans 10th Friends endeavor to deal with offenders as queried — and
 to place judgment when necessary according to discipline —

Wm. H. Boyce, Clerk
AT A MEETING FOR SUFFERINGS
HELD BY ADJOURNMENT AT
PROVIDENCE, THE 24th OF 3d MO., 1863.

In seasons of adversity and trial it becomes brethren to sympathize one with another; to pray one for another; and so far as may be to bear the burdens one of another and thus "fulfill the law of Christ."

Assembled as we now are and engaged, in this time of calamity when the desolating scourge of war is upon our country, to know what is required at our hands, we have felt drawn in much tenderness towards our beloved fellow members of this Yearly Meeting with fervent desires to strengthen them to be steadfast and immovable in doing the work of the Lord, and in obeying the teaching and precepts of the blessed Saviour, of Him at whose advent a multitude of the Heavenly Host praised "God, saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men." In these heavenly strains was the birth of Christ celebrated by the angels. To establish peace on earth was one of the purposes for which he left the bosom of the Father; took upon Him the form of a servant and dwelt among men. In all His teachings and in all the declarations of the glad tidings both by inspired men and by angels, peace, peace is proclaimed.

For our present object it may not be necessary for us to recite the full and explicit commands, by which as a religious Society we have ever felt bound unequivocally to bear our testimony against all war, under whatever provocation or temptation; and in support thereof much suffering has been endured; many sacrifices have been made; many afflictions have been borne by our forefathers in the Truth—but the Lord delivered out of them all.

In our own favored land in time past, liberty of conscience, with little exception, has been held sacred by our Legislators, and few of our members of the present generation have suffered either in person or estate on account of our christian principles. It is possible that in our entire freedom we have not all of us always been so consistent in maintaining, so concerned in upholding this testimony before our fellow-men; so engaged that our light should shine in their presence as to produce conviction on their minds of the depth and sacredness of this vital testimony in our hearts. We have not perhaps always shown that our trust for preservation was placed on the Lord Almighty, and not on the strength of man—and it may be that we shall yet be required to suffer for Christ's sake in the support of Peace. But will we shrink from suffering, if thereby we maintain a conscience void of offence toward God and man?

We tenderly entreat and exhort our dear young men, not to violate or disregard a conscientious scruple—Trust in God—He is a present help in time of need—They who love Him never yet sought His face in vain—His name is a strong tower into which all these may run and find safety—Even if assailed be courteous to all, and manifest a meek and quiet spirit with that love which becomes followers of Jesus; and thus you may turn away all wrath and bring revilers to serious reflection and peradventure be instrumental in winning them to Christ—Avoid all contention and excitement and all unprofitable discussion of the measures adopted by the Rulers of our nation now in power—While you love your country, and are ready to relieve the sufferings of our fellow men, by every christian means in your power, you may best promote your country's good by putting up your prayers for its preservation and for the restoration of peace within all its borders.

And our elder brethren we entreat to watch over the younger in tender love—Keep near them—Counsel them for good—Endeavor to lighten their burdens should they be involved in trials—Remind them of the sure promises of God to all that put their trust in Him—Go with them into suffering if suffering should be their lot—Let it be seen of all men that the love of Christ binds us together.

While we believe it right for us thus to express our feelings and our deep concern, and to exhort all to unswerving faithfulness, we are comforted with an abiding faith that we shall not be tried beyond what we are able to bear, but that a way of escape and relief will be provided by Him, who hath power to turn the hearts of the children of men as one turneth the water course in his field, and who is most honored when most trusted—best pleased when best obeyed.

The Clerk is requested to have three thousand copies of the foregoing Minute printed, and furnished to the Meetings and Members of this Yearly Meeting.

SAMUEL BOYCE, Clerk.

8th Month 1863

at a Special Quarterly Meeting
of Friends held in New York 8th Mo 6th 1863

By accounts received from each of our
Monthly Meetings it appears that
following Friends are Representatives to
this Meeting viz - Richard L. Davis
George Anthony Wm. Dame, and
Stephen Chace.

Greenwich - Jonathan Tuckern, and
Solomon B. Knowles.

Mansey - Ellis Gifford, Jos. C. Anthony
and Obadiah Chace.

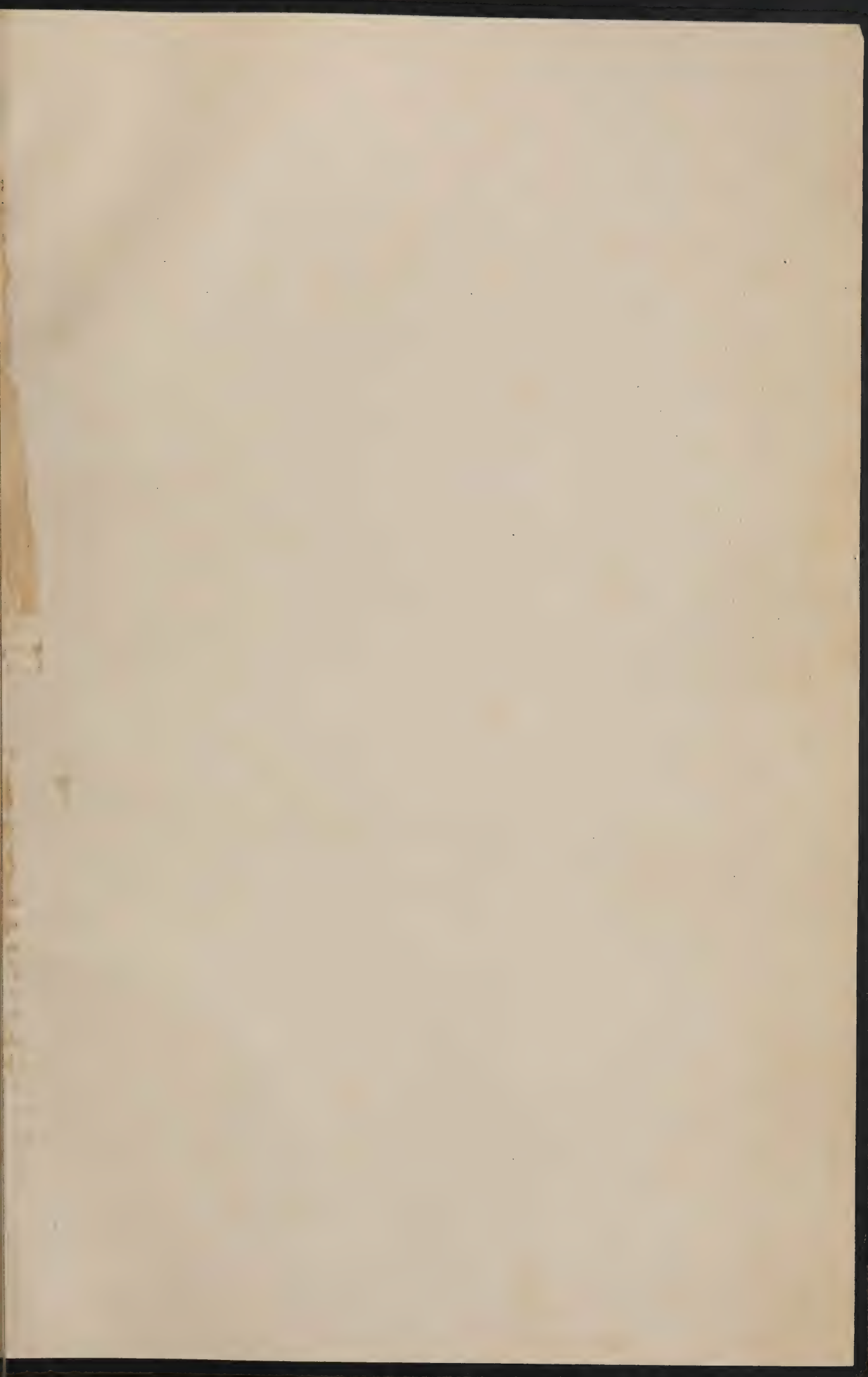
Providence - Jos. Metcalf, Sam^l Boyd Tobey
and Wm. A. Robinson.

South Kingstown - Abel T. Collins &
Timothy C. Collins - who are present
except one, for whose absence a
sufficient reason is given.

The Queries
have been read at this time with
answers to the 1st, 2nd and 10th
from each of our Monthly Meetings.

We have received and read at this
time the London General Epistle
for 1862 - its edifying and encour-
aging contents are ^{acceptable} ~~very~~ to us.

Our members and subordinate
Meetings were early supplied with
500 copies of the same, and also
with 450 copies of the printed
minutes of our late Yearly Meeting.



At a Special meeting of our Meeting for Sufferings held in Boston the 30th of 7 mo., 1863.

At our meeting, specially called at this time on account of the trials to which our beloved younger Friends are now subjected by the Conscription Law of the General Government for supplying soldiers for the army, we have been introduced into deep and tender sympathy on account of this class and very earnest has been our desire that they may be strengthened to maintain in simplicity and humility, faithful allegiance to the Prince of Peace, and to be firm in the support of our testimony founded on the direct commands and teachings of our blessed Lord and His apostles against all war. We are very desirous that there should be no doubts in the minds of any Friends as to the incompatibility of a maintenance of our christian testimony against war, and a compliance with the existing law by payment of money as a commutation for the performance of military service—and we believe it proper to call the attention of Friends to a portion of our ancient Discipline, viz. :—

“ We are sorrowfully affected, by the answers to the queries, that some friends have failed in the maintenance of our Christian testimony against wars and fighting, by joining with others to hire substitutes, and by the payment of money to exempt themselves from personal service, in the militia; a practice inconsistent with the testimony to the reign of the Prince of Peace our ancestors received, and were concerned to maintain through cruel sufferings, and which the faithful in this day dare not shrink from: Which defection from our Christian testimony and general practice having been matter of sorrow to this meeting, we are concerned strongly to advise against, and that friends every where stand faithful and single in their dependence on the Lord for preservation, who alone is forever able to keep in perfect safety. And if suffering be the lot which doth result from such obedience to the divine requiring, such will, as they abide in the simplicity and innocence of truth, reap the fruits of peace in their own bosom. Let therefore the care of friends, in their several monthly-meetings, be exerted to prevent any contributions for hiring substitutes, or other methods of exempting themselves from the militia, inconsistent with our well-known testimony. 1760.”

Dear friends, now is our time of trial—now is the time for us to manifest to our fellow-men that while we would pay all respect to our Government—while we sympathize with those in authority in their peculiarly painful position—while we are loyal to our country, and are disposed cheerfully to bear every burden which we may do without conflicting with our conscientious scruples—yet whatever may be our sufferings, we feel our allegiance to the King of Kings to be paramount to all other considerations.

This meeting is adopting all the means that we think calculated to procure relief—but whether successful or not, we entreat you to trust in the arm omnipotent—patiently and manfully endure suffering, if that be necessary to secure peace of conscience—and your trust will not prove in vain.

Practically we believe it may prove the safest course for Friends when they receive notice that they are conscripted, to present themselves before the designated authority at the appointed time, and in respectful terms, acknowledging their loyalty to the Government, make known their conscientious scruples against bearing arms—that they cannot avail themselves of the provisions of the existing laws by paying commutation money, or by supplying a substitute—or any other mode of exemption except the provisions for physical disability, and other exemptions as provided by said law, but that they shall for conscience sake submit quietly to the penalty that may be inflicted.—Endeavor, beloved friends, to possess your souls in patience, and manifest to all a meek and quiet spirit which is in the sight of God of great price, and you will find Him a present help in this our time of need.

Signed on behalf of the meeting,

SAMUEL BOYCE, CLERK.

The subject of changing the place of holding our Quarterly Meetings in the 11th Mo. has claimed our attention at this time, and the further consideration thereof we defer until our next meeting.

We have read in this meeting the following printed minute from our Meeting for Superintendence, held 30 of 7th Mo. last, and we desire that the recommendations and Christian counsel therein contained, may be faithfully adhered to by our members.

We have received the following minute from the Yearly Meeting relative to stock, and we appoint Wm A. Robinson, Abner Slade & Eudem C. Smith a Committee to examine and settle the Treasurer's account, to name a sum for this meeting to raise, and propose the name of a Friend to serve this Meeting as Treasurer for the ensuing year. They are requested to report at our next Meeting.

Yearly Meeting 6th Mo. 1863

It is concluded to raise \$35.00 for the use of this Meeting the ensuing year, which the Quarterly Meetings are requested to forward to David Buffum our Treasurer. The quota of Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting is \$600. (24 per cent)

From the Minutes of the Meeting
Samuel Boyd Tobey - Clerk

at the Representatives to the Yearly Meeting report that they all attended.

South Island Quarterly Meeting of
Friends held at Somerset 11th Mo 5th 1863

By information received at this time from
each of our Monthly Meetings it appears
the following Friends are Representatives of
Rhode Island, Am Boren, Thos B Baggam
and Jacob Mott.

Greenwich. Marcius Parker & Josiah Tremain
Providence. Asiam Buffington & Adiah Chace
Lloyd Chace

Providence. William Robinson & Helen C
Smith and Jas W. Bartland

South Kingston. Timothy C. Collins and
John H. Collins, who are present except one
for whose absence a sufficient reason was
given.

The queries have been read in this meeting
with answers to the 1st Qd & 11th from each
of our Monthly Meetings

We have received the following report
from the Committee appointed to settle the
Treasurer's ac and for other purposes, which
is satisfactory to the meeting and we
accordingly appoint Melcome Congdon
as our Treasurer for the year ensuing;
and our Monthly meetings are requested to
forward to him their quota of the amount
called for.

To the Quarterly Meeting.

We have examined and settled the ac
of the Treasurer and find in his hands
Eighty Eight $\frac{29}{100}$ (\$88 $\frac{29}{100}$) dollars.

We propose the name of Melcome Congdon
for Treasurer, and the sum of Six
Hundred (\$600) dollars to be raised for
the use of the Quarterly Meeting.

signed by { Wm A Robinson
Helen C Smith
Providence 11th Month 2d 1863

The subject of a change of place of holding our meeting in the 11th Month came under consideration at this time and it is the judgment of the meeting that the time for the proposed removal has not arrived: and it is not deemed best at present to make any change in the hour of assembling.

At Rock Island Reading & Meeting of Friends held at New Canaan 24th March 1841.

By accounts received at this time from each of our Monthly meetings it appears that the following Friends are representatives, to this Meeting viz

from Rhode Island Stephen Chao George Brown & Joseph C. Sparrow.

Greenwich Perry Peck & Sherman A. Knowlton.

Swansey. Samuel Clifford & Moses Buffington & Ellis Clifford.

Dorchester Joseph & Rebecca Thomas Harkness & James Dennis.

Westchester Kingston Timothy Collins.

At this Meeting were present except two for the absence of whom a significant reason was given. Perry Peck on behalf of those representatives informed the meeting that several of them had conferred together on the subject of electing a clerk & there united in proposing Luther Congdon for Clerk and Samuel Austin for Assisting Clerk. which being approved by the Meeting they are accordingly

appointed to the service designated for the ensuing year.

Our beloved Friend Samuel Boyce attended this Meeting and presented a minute from Salem Monthly Meeting expressing unity with him as a Minister and with his present religious engagement. His company and religious services have been acceptable to us.

Our beloved Friend Thomas B. Nickols attended this Meeting and presented a copy of a minute from Tabernacle Monthly Meeting expressing unity with him as a minister and with his present religious engagement. His company and religious services have been acceptable to us.

Our beloved friend Rachael B. Nickols attended this meeting as companion to her husband Thomas B. Nickols, and presented a minute Expressing unity with her as an Elder and with her present engagement. Her company has been acceptable to us.

The queries have been read in this Meeting with answers to the 1st 2^d & 10th from each of our Monthly Meetings.

We are informed
We are at this time that all our Monthly Meetings have either paid or directed to be paid their several quotas of the amount called for in the 1st Month last. and our Treas^r is directed to pay to the Treas^r of the Yearly Meeting the amount called for by minutes of last year.

The clerk is directed to furnish the friends in attendance with copies of the minutes made on their behalf.

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At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends
held at East Greenwich B Month 5th 1861.

An account received at this time from each of our
Monthly Meetings it appears that the following Friends
are representatives to the Meeting viz
From R.I. Green Church George Bowen and Jacob Mott
From Greenwich Rev. Tick & Solomon R. Knowles.
From Swansea Hon. Trade James Newton & Abiah
Chace. From Providence James Fenner Thomas
Harkness & Son. & L. Stocum. and from South Kingston
Abel & William & George & David who are present except
one for whose absence a sufficient reason was given.

The
queries have been read in the meeting with answers thereto
from each of our monthly meetings from which the following
summary has been prepared as description of our state
which we forward for the information of the Yearly
Meeting by our friends Perez Peck David Baffum,
Joseph Mearns Samuel Gifford Gilbert Congdon and
Boyd Tobey Eliza M. Giddie George Anthony Abner
Slade Thomas Harkness & Mrs A Robinson who we
have appointed to attend the yearly Meeting as our
Representatives.

Our beloved friend Susan Howland
attended this meeting and presented a minute from
New Bedford Monthly Meeting expressing unity
with her as a minister - and with her present
engagements. Her company and religious
services have been acceptable to us.

Our beloved Friend
Lydia Congdon attended this Meeting in company
to our friend Susan Howland and presented
a minute from New Bedford Mo Meeting expressing
unity with her as an Elder and with her present
engagements. Her company has been acceptable to
us. { She is directed to sign on our behalf for the Friends in attendance }
Copes of minutes embracing the substance of the above

The clerk is directed to sign on our behalf
the following communication to the Yearly Meeting.

At the Yearly Meeting
Dear Friends,

We have received and read at this meeting a printed minute from our Sistering for Suffering held in the 7th Month. The recommendations & Christian Counsel therein contained were received with a desire that they may be faithfully attended to by our members.

The queries have been read at this time with answers thereto from each of our Monthly Meetings from which the following summary has been prepared as a description of our state which we forward for your information by your Friends —

Whom we have appointed to attend the Yearly Meeting as our Representatives.

We have received & read at this time the London General Epistle for 1862 — its edifying and encouraging contents were acceptable to us. Our members & the subordinate Meetings were each supplied with 500 copies & also with 450 of the printed minutes of our last Yearly Meeting & 12 copies of the report of the Committee in Charge of the Boarding School.

Our Treas has paid to the Treas. of the Yearly Meeting the amount called for by minute of last year.

General Answers.

^{per} All our meetings have been attended except ^{very} small ones; in three of these one member attended, and at the time of one other omission two females occurred. Those on first day mornings are attended by friends generally in the afternoon of that day and on week days they are more neglected. The hour ^{usually} observed. An unbecoming behavior apparent a few instances of sleeping excepted.

Love and unity generally maintained and Disobedience

avoided against: one account states where differences exist, endeavors have been used to end them: the other meetings report clear of these differences.

3^d Can generally observed by friends to bring up those under their direction in plainness, to restrain them from pernicious reading, and the corrupt conversation of the world: pretty good examples herein themselves and the Holy Scriptures we believe are frequently read in Friend families.

4th Spirituous liquors confined to medicinal purposes: the unnecessary frequenting of Taverns and places of public resort, generally avoided: moderation and temperance observed on the occasions referred to.

5th The circumstances of the poor are attended to and their necessities relieved. Their children partake of learning to fit them for business: ~~none~~ placed out.

6th Parents and heads of families with the young and unmarried are generally careful that all proceedings with respect to marriage be conformable to discipline.

7th Our testimony concerning a paid ministry maintained with one exception, under care. Four or five cases of a military nature are reported and one account says "Clear with the exception of a few cases of a military nature." In regard to the other parts of the Query, clear.

8th We believe Friends are careful to ⁱⁿ their affairs and settle their accounts; are punctual to their promises and just in the payment of their

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debt and careful to live within the bounds of their circumstances.

9th Careful records and generally so regarding certificates.

10th Care taken to deal with offenders in good measure as queried after, and to place judgements when necessary according to discipline.

At Rhoads Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Newport 8 mo 4. 1864.

By accounts rec^d at this time from each of our Monthly Meetings it appears the following Friends are Representatives to this Meeting viz from Rhoads Island Jacob Mott Wm Dams & Jos E Macomber - from Greenwich Peter Peck & Jon^a Finaborn from Swansea Ellis Gifford Benjamin A Chace & Sam^l D. Buffington from Providence Gideon C Smith Sam^l Boyd Tobey & Sam^l Austin & from South Kingston Peter W Collins & Geo S Gould, who are present except one, for whose absence a sufficient reason is given -

Our beloved friend Wm Jenkins attended this meeting and presented a minute from Upper Springfield Monthly Meeting Ohio expressing unity with him as a Minister & with his present engagement - His company & religious service have been acceptable to us

The queries have been read in this Meeting with answers to the 1 2 & 10th from each of our Monthly Meetings -

We have rec^d and read the London General Epistle of 1863. Its contents afforded us comfort & encouragement & our Monthly Meetings were early supplied with 500 copies of the same, together with 400 copies of the printed minutes of our last Yearly Meeting & 120 copies of the report of the committee in charge of the Boarding School -

Our beloved Friend Mary A Peckham attended this meeting & presented a minute from New Bedford Monthly Meeting & Beltsmuts Quarterly Meeting, expressing unity with her as a Minister & with her present engagement - Her company & services have been acceptable to us -

Our esteemed Friend Danl. A. Peckham attended this Meeting's companion to his wife Mary A. Peckham and presented a minute from New Bedford Monthly Meeting expressing unity with him as an Elder & with his present engagement. His company has been acceptable to us.

The clerk is directed to furnish the Friends in attendance with minutes embracing the substance of those made on their behalf.

We have rec^d the following minute from the Yearly Meeting relative to Stock; and we appoint our Friends Jos. Garland Abner Glade & Perez Peck a committee to examine & settle the Treasurers account, to propose a sum to be raised by this meeting & the name of a Friend to serve this Meeting as Treasurer for the year ensuing, & to report at our next Meeting.

"Yearly Meeting, Sixth Month 1864."
It is concluded to raise three thousand dollars (\$3000) for the use of this Meeting the present year, which the Quarterly Meetings are requested to forward to David Buffum our Treasurer.

The quota of Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting is seven hundred & twenty dollars (\$720) twenty four percent. From the minutes of the Meeting, signed "Samuel Boyd Tobey Clerk"

The Friends appointed to attend our Yearly Meeting as Representatives reported that they attended.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Somerset - 11th Mo. 3^d 1861

By accounts rec^d at this time from each of our Monthly Meetings it appears the following Friends are Representatives to this Meeting viz from R.I. Isaac Harkness Thos. B. Babburn & Geo. S. Dennis. Greenwich Perez Peck & Jno. Ingham. Swansea Herman Buffington Carl Chase & Stephen Chase. Prov. Saml Austin Thos. Harkness Geo. S. Collins & Gideon C. Smith South Kingston. Timonah C. Collins & George S. Gould who are present except two for the absence of one of whom a sufficient reason was given.

The queries have been read in this meeting with answers to the 1st 2^d and 10th from each of our monthly meetings.

The Committee appointed at our last meeting to examine & settle the Great account & for other purposes presented the following report which is satisfactory and we accordingly appoint Welcome Congdon our Treasurer for the year ensuing. And our Sabbath Meeting as are requested to forward their names of the ~~members~~ ~~desired~~ for election to him. We appoint the following Friends, Jacob Chase Geo Anthony Perry Beck Mannis Parker Abner Glade Wm Chase J. M. A. Robinson Thos Harkness Phil J Collins & Peter B. Collins a Committee to take into consideration the present opportunities of apportionment among our monthly meetings, and to propose to our next meeting such changes if any, as may appear to them best.

Our beloved Friend Elizabeth Gifford attended this Meeting and presented a minute from Sand (Mo. Meeting expressing unity with her as a minister and with her present religious engagement. Her company and religious services have been acceptable to us.

Our beloved friend Susan G Kempton attended this Meeting as companion to our Friend Elizabeth Gifford. Her company has been acceptable to us.

Our esteemed Friend Joseph Kempton attended this Meeting accompanying our friend E. Gifford & his wife Susan G Kempton & presented a minute from A. B. M. Meeting expressing unity with him as an Elder and with his engagement. His company has been acceptable to us.

The Clerk is directed to sign on our behalf minutes for our Friends in attendance embracing the substance of the above.

To Rhod Island Quarterly Meeting.

We of the Committee appointed to examine & settle the Treasurer's account have attended to the duty & find a balance in his hands of forty eight & 29/100 Dollars (\$48 ²⁹/₁₀₀) — We propose to raise Seven hundred Dollars (\$700) for the use of the Meeting & Welcome Congdon for Treasurer.

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Jos Garland

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At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of
Friends held at Providence 2nd Mo 1865

By accounts rec^d at this time from each of our Monthly
meetings it appears the following Friends are Represen-
tatives to this Meeting viz from Rhode Island Jacob Leach
Jacob Holt David May & Geo Bowers, from Greenwich Solomon
A Knowles & Peter Hill, from Swansea James & Abner Clark
Anthony & Misses Buxington - from Providence Sam^l
Boyd & Ben James Dennis West & Robinson & Joseph & Leahy &
from South Kingstown Geo & Gould & Petrell Collins who are
present.

Wm & Robinson on behalf of the Representatives
informed the Meeting that a part of their number had
conferred together & were united in proposing Gilbert
Concord for Clerk & Sam^l C. Austin for Assistant Clerk
which being approved by the Meeting they are appointed
to the office designated for the ensuing year.

The queries have been read with answers to the
1 28/10th from each of our Monthly Meetings -

The Committee appointed at our last Meeting
to consider the subject of a new appropriation presented
the following report which is satisfactory to the Meeting
to the meeting & our Monthly Meetings are requested
to our Treasurers to pay sundry dollars in the
proportions as indicated in said report -

To Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting
The Committee to appropriation the payment of the
sums to be raised by the Quarterly Meeting report

Providence Mo. Meeting	50 per Cent.
Rhode Island	31 "
Swansey	13 "
East Greenwich	3 "
South Kingstown	3 "
	100

Wm & Robinson for the Committee

Report to the Yearly Meeting 5 mo. 1865

To the Yearly Meeting

Dear Friends

The queries have been read at this time with answers thereto from each of our Monthly Meetings, from which the following summary has been prepared as descriptive of our state which we forward for your information by our Friends David Baffum — — — whom we have appointed to attend the Yearly Meeting as our Representatives.

We have rec^d & read the London General Epistle for 1863, Its contents afforded us comfort & encouragement and our Monthly Meetings and Members were early supplied with 500 copies of the same, together with 450 copies of the printed minutes of our Yearly Meeting & 12 copies of the report of the Committee in charge of the Boarding School.

Our Monthly Meetings duly rec^d a printed circular minutes from the Meeting for Sufferings held in the 8th mo. informing of an advance in the rates of tuition at the Boarding School.

With the concurrence of the women's meeting we unite with Swansea Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Esther Chace to the Station of Elder.

Beriah Collier is Elder & member of Greenwich Monthly Meeting died 6 mo. 1864 aged 92 years, 4 mo 10 days.

Our Treasurer has paid to you, the amt. called for by minutes of last year.

Answers to the Queries —

Ans. 1st All our Meetings have been attended except 5 very small ones, although in several other instances, but one member attended — Most if not all of these omissions occurred in the middle of the week, and the reasons assigned for non attendance, are funerals occurring the same day — the attendance of Yearly Meeting & in two cases, the state of the weather combined with sickness in their families — on First Day of the week by Friends generally. My mid-week Meetings & those for discipline were neglected.

The hour observed - No unbefitting behaviour apparent except instances of sleeping -

Ans 2 Love and unity pretty well maintained amongst us and detraction guarded against with little exception - Have taken to end differences when they appear -

Ans 3 Friends are mostly careful to bring up those under their direction in planning as queried after and to restrain them from profane, railing and corrupt conversation - endeavoring to be good examples in those respects themselves - We believe the Holy Scriptures are frequently read in Friends families -

Ans 4th Spirituous liquors are confined to medicinal purposes, the unnecessary frequenting of taverns and other places of public resort mostly avoided - Moderation and temperance observed on the occasions referred to -

Ans 5th The circumstances of the poor are attended to & their necessities relieved - Their children put to school to fit them for business - None placed out -

Ans 6th Parents and heads of families with the young & unmarried are generally careful that all proceedings with respect to marriage conform to the requisitions of our Discipline -

Ans 7th We believe Friends bear a faithful testimony against a paid Ministry, bearing arms, ^{training} and other Military matters, excepting one instance of hiring a substitute - Clear as to the other parts of this query -

Ans 8th We believe Friends are careful to mispent their affairs, & to settle accounts, also punctual to promises, just in the payment of debts, and to live within the bounds of their circumstances -

Ans 9th Recording attended to - ^{Several} ~~Two or three~~ removals without certificates - Some can take care -

Ans 10th Friends endeavor to deal with offenders as queried after, and to place judgment when required according to discipline -

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held
at East Greenwich 5th mo 4. 1865

By accounts rec^d at this time from each of our
Monthly Meetings it appears the following Friends are Representatives
to this Meeting viz from Rhode Island Monthly Meeting
David Buffum Jacob Mott & Giles Lawton, from Greenwich
Peter Peck, Marinus Parkes & Jon^s Treuborn, from Swansea
Nathan Chase Sam^l Buffington & Abner Glade, from Providence
Thomas Markrop James Dennis & Jos. Carland and from S. Kingstown
Timothy & Collins & Peter H. Collins who are present.

Our beloved Friend Isaac Jay attended this Meeting
& presented a minute from Mississinewa Monthly Meeting
& Northern Quarterly Meeting expressing unity with him as
a Minister & with his present engagement - His company and
religious services have been acceptable ~~sett~~ to us.

Our beloved Friend Rhoda Jay attended this Meeting
as companion to her husband Isaac Jay & presented a minute
from Mississinewa Monthly Meeting expressing unity
with her as a ~~Minister~~ Elder & with her present engagement.
Her company has been acceptable to us.

The Clerk is directed to sign on our behalf & furnish
the Friends ~~cop~~ Minutes embracing the substance of the
above -

The queries have been read at this time with
answers thereto from all of our Monthly Meetings, from
which the following summary has been prepared, as
descriptive of our state, which we forward for the information
of our Quarterly Meeting by our Friends David Buffum Peter
Peck, Sam^l Boyer Toby Abner Glade Timothy & Collins -
Gilbert Congdon Wm^s & Robinson Tho. Markrop, Wm^s & Richardson
Obadiah Glaze, whom we have appointed to attend the
Yearly Meeting as our representatives.

We are informed at this time that all of
Monthly Meetings have either paid or directed payment
to our Treasurer of their several quotas of Stock -

Our Treasurer has paid to the Treasurer of the
Yearly Meeting the amount called for by minute of last year

Our beloved Friend Gilbert Congdon opened in this Meeting a prospect of visiting in the love of the Gospel some of the Government Hospitals and the principal settlements of the Freed People within the District of Columbia & Virginia, also to visit as far as way may open for the Meetings constituting Baltimore Yearly Meeting, and to attend to such other service within the limits of the same as may devolve upon him in the discharge of his religious duty - This concern being united with ~~us~~ by the Meeting He is left at liberty and encouraged to attend thereto, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, and the assistant Clerk is directed to sign on our behalf the following endorsement to the certificate minute presented ~~to~~ from Providence Monthly Meeting -

Our beloved Friend Gilbert Congdon a Minister of the Gospel in unity with us - opened in this Meeting a prospect for religious service within the limits of Baltimore Yearly Meeting as set forth in ~~the~~ ^{expressed} ~~a minute~~ ^{the written certificate} granted him by Providence Monthly Meeting, which being united with by us he is encouraged to proceed therein under the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

The condition of the Buildings on our Lot in East Greenwich was brought before this Meeting at this time, and claimed our consideration: and that Monthly Meeting is requested to make the necessary repairs and to report to ~~this~~ ^{us at a future} Meeting -

With the concurrence of the Women's Meeting we unite with Sevanney Monthly Meeting in appointing Esther Chace to the station of Elder

The clerk is directed to sign on our behalf & forward to the Yearly Meeting the following the following account. (See p. 340.)

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting held at Newport -
8th Mo 3rd 1865.

By accounts received at this time from each of our Monthly Meetings, it appears the following friends are Representatives to this meeting, viz. from Rhode Island Jacob Chace, Wm Dorr & Jos E. Macomber. from East Greenwich Jonathan Jacobson & George Gould; from Swan Joseph C. Anthony, Obadiah Chace & Abner Slade; from Providence Joseph Smith, Gideon C. Smith & G. B. Joby; from South Kingstown Peter H. Collins Timothy C. Collins & Wm H. Perry who are present.

The queries have been read in this Meeting with answers to 1st 2nd & 10th from each of our Monthly meetings.

We have received & read at this time the London general Epistle of 1864. We trust that its acceptable contents will be duly appreciated by us; and having received from the Y. Meeting 500 copies we commend it to the careful attention of our Mo Meetings and members.

We having received the following communication from the Y. Meeting relative to stock & we appoint our friends Gideon C. Smith, Joseph E. Macomber & Abner Slade, a committee to propose a sum for this meeting to raise. They are also requested to examine & settle the Treasurers account, nominate a Friend to serve this meeting as Treasurer for the ensuing year & report at our next meeting. *

The Representatives to our late Yearly Meeting reported that they attended, except one.

Our Monthly meetings were early supplied with 400 copies of the printed minutes of the Y. M., & 10 copies of the report of the committee in charge of the Boarding School.

Our beloved Friend Elizabeth Mader opened in this meeting a prospect of religious service among Friends & others within the limits of Ferrisburg Y. Meeting, as is expressed in a

Minute of approval from Providence Monthly meeting, presented & read at this time.

The concern claimed our consideration & was visited with, & she left to proceed therein under the leading of the Head of the Church; and the clerk is requested to sign on our behalf an endorsement prepared in the women's meeting embracing the substance of the above.

Wm. P. Robinson & Joseph Cartland are appointed a committee with whom our friend may confer relative to the prosecution of her engagements.

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Yearly meeting sixth month 1865

It is concluded to raise three thousand dollars for the use of this meeting the ensuing year, which the Quarterly meetings are requested to forward to David Buffum our Treasurer.

The quota of Rhode Island Quarterly meeting is seven hundred & fifty dollars (\$750.) 25 per cent.

From the minutes of the meeting
Samuel Boyd Vosey. Clerk

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at
Somerset 11th. 11^o 2nd 1865 -

The Clerk being absent Samuel Boyd Tolson is appointed Clerk for the day
By accounts from the Monthly Meetings it appears that the
following friends are appointed Representatives to this Meeting viz
from Rhode Island Isaac Hathaway, George Brown, J. E. Macomber
" Greenwich - Jonathan Trechorn and Marcius Parker
" Swansea - Stephen Chase, Edward Abney and Baylies Chase -
" Providence - William A. Robinson, Thos. Montague and Gideon C. Smith -
" South Kingstown - Timothy C. Collins and Abel J. Collins
whose names being called they were all present -

The queries have been read with answers to the 1st 2nd and
10th from the Monthly Meetings -

Our beloved friend Newell Hookie attended this Meeting
and presented a certificate from Sandwich Monthly Meeting
held 9th. 11^o 2nd 1864 - expressing unity with him as a Minister
and with his present religious engagement - His company and
religious services have been acceptable to us - and the Clerk
is directed to furnish him with a copy of this minute -

The Committee to settle the Treasurer's account and for
other purposes made the following report which is approved
by this meeting and our several Monthly Meetings are
requested to forward their respective quotas of seventeen hundred
dollars (\$1700.) to Welcome Congdon, whom we appoint our
Treasurer for the ensuing year -

To Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends

The Committee to settle the Treasurer's account and for other
purposes report that they have settled the same and find a
balance of one hundred and seventeen dollars and forty six cents,
(\$17⁴⁶/₁₀₀) due the Treasurer - We propose the sum of seventeen
hundred dollars (\$1700.) to be raised and Welcome Congdon for
Treasurer -

Somerset 11^{mo} 2nd 1865 -

Gideon C. Smith

Abner Rust

J. E. Macomber "

By the account from Greenwich Monthly Meeting it appears that the
cost incurred in repairing the building on the meeting house lot
at West Greenwich has been \$694⁶⁵/₁₀₀ which is approved by us and
our Treasurer is requested to pay the same to Jonathan Trechorn as
proposed by that meeting -

Our friend Elizabeth Steader at this time returned the
 Minute thanked her for religious service in the 8th month last
 and informed us that she had been enabled to pursue the
 prospect she then had before her to the relief and peace of her
 mind - She also presented minutes from Penn and Ferrisburgh
 Monthly Meetings expressing that her company and religious
 services had been acceptable to them - All of which is satisfactory
 to this meeting -

The subject of changing the place of holding this meeting
 in the 11th month from Somerset to Fall River again claiming
 our attention, it is our conclusion to bring the question before
 each of our Monthly Meetings and they are requested to report
 the views of friends in relation thereto to our next meeting -
 and the Clerk is directed to furnish each Monthly Meeting
 with a copy of this minute

The business of this meeting being accomplished we now
 conclude proposing to meet at Providence in the 2nd month
 next at the usual time -

Samuel Doyd Cheney - Clerk for the day

Second month 1866.

At Rhode Island Quarterly meeting of Friends
held at Providence 2nd month 1st 1866.

By accounts recieved at this time from each of our
Monthly Meetings, it appears the following Friends are
representatives, viz,

Rhode Island, George Bowen, Isaac Hathaway, &
William S. Richardson.

Greenwich, Perez Peck, Jonathan Trebourn.

Dunsmey, Benjamin A. Chace, Samuel Gifford,
Stephen Chace.

Providence Joseph Metcalf, Gilbert Congdon, &
William A. Robinson.

South Kingston, John T. Nichols, Abel F. Collins,
who are all present.

Wm. A. Robinson on behalf of the representatives
informed the meeting, that a portion of the number
had conferred together, and were united in proposing
the name of Gideon C. Smith for Clerk and
Samuel Austin for assistant Clerk to serve this
meeting in those offices for the ensuing year, with
which the meeting united - and they are accordingly
appointed.

Our beloved friend Joseph D. Hoag attended
this meeting with a minute from Salem Monthly
Meeting, endorsed by Salem Quarterly Meeting
Sowa, expressive of unity with him as a minister
and with his present religious engagement, his
company has been acceptable.

Our beloved friend Thomas B. Nichols
attended this meeting with a minute from
Uxbridge Monthly Meeting expressing unity with
him as a minister, and with his present engagement,
his company and religious services have been acceptable
to us, and the Clerk is directed to furnish each of
them with returning minutes signed on behalf
of this meeting.

The Queries have been read with answers
to the 1st 2nd & 10th from each of our Monthly
Meetings.

The subject of changing the place of holding the Quarterly Meeting in the 11th month claimed the attention of the Meeting and it is concluded to refer the subject to the following Friends to report their judgment in the case to our next meeting, viz;

David Buffum, Isaac Hathaway, Jonathan Trebbin, Solomon D. Knicker, Barzillai Buffinton, Wm Chase, Thomas Harkness, Wm L Robinson, Abel F Collins, and Wm Perry.

Our beloved friend Rachel B Nichols accompanying her husband Thomas B. Nichols, attended this meeting with a minute from Passabock Monthly Meeting certifying she was an Elder in unity, her company has been acceptable to us. Rhode Island, Greenwich, Swansea, and South Kingston, have paid or ordered the payment of their respective amount of Stock called for in the eleventh month.

The business of the meeting having been accomplished, we conclude, purposing to meet at Greenwich in the 5th month next if permitted.)

Asideon C Smith Clerk

Fifth Month 1866.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of
Friends held at East Greenwich 3^d & 5th mo
1866.

By accounts from the Monthly Meetings
the Representatives to this meeting are, from
Rhode Island, Joseph Macomber,
Isaac Hathaway, and George Bowen,
Greenwich, Perez Peck, and Jonathan Freeborn,
Swansey, Mark Anthony, Moses Buffington,
William Chace.

Providence, Gideon C. Smith, Samuel B. Tobey,
Thomas E. Steere,

South Kingston Peter H. Collins, and
George S. Gould. who are present except one,
for whose absence a sufficient reason was given.

The Queries have been read in this
meeting, with answers from all our Monthly
Meetings, from which the following summary
has been prepared as descriptive of our state,
which we forward for the information of the
Yearly Meeting by David Buffum,
Perez Peck, Samuel Gifford, Levi Almy,
Wm. A. Robinson, Gideon C. Smith, Thomas
Parkness, Obadiah Chace, and Joseph
H. Alwater, whom we appoint to attend
as our representatives.

David Buffum on behalf of the
Committee appointed at our last meeting,
reported, that they were not united in
regard to the removal of the Quarterly
Meeting, the subject is therefore postponed
for the present.

The following minute from Swansey
Monthly Meeting has been received, viz,
"This meeting requests the Quarterly Meeting
to define the Boundaries of Swansey Monthly
Meeting." Whereupon we appoint Joseph C.
Macomber, Samuel Gifford, & Gideon C. Smith to
consider the subject and report to a future meeting.

Providence Monthly Meeting reports the payment of their portion of Stock to the Treasurer of the Quarterly Meeting.

The following minute from Greenwich Monthly Meeting was received viz, —
 "On taking into consideration the dilapidated condition of Friends Meeting House at Cranston we appoint Perry Peck, Jonathan Stockton, Harinus Parker and George Gould a committee to take into consideration what disposition may be advisable to make of the House and report to a future meeting. And we would suggest to the Quarterly Meeting the propriety of naming a few Friends as a Committee to advise with our Committee in relation to the matter." — We accordingly appointed Thomas Stockness, James Perkins & Wm N Robinson, to act and advise with the Committee of Greenwich Monthly Meeting and report at a future meeting.

With the concurrence of the women's Meeting we have united with Providence Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Chandler F. Peckham as the station Editor.

Rhode Island Monthly Meeting reports the decease of Jonathan Darnie an Elder who died at Newport 10th mo-31st 1865.-aged 79 years 6 months and 10 days.

Swarner Monthly Meeting reports the decease of Hannah C. Robinson a minister—who died, 7th mo, 31st, 1865. aged 76 years 11 months and 27 days.

The Clerk is directed to sign all extracts necessary for the information of the Yearly Meeting.

This meeting having accomplished its present business we conclude, purposing to meet at Newport in 8th mo next if permitted.

Edison C Smith Clerk

5th month 1866.

To the Yearly Meeting,

Dear Friends,

The Queries have been read in this meeting with answers from each of our Monthly Meetings, from which the following Summary has been prepared as descriptive of our State, which we forward for the information of the Yearly Meeting. To our Friends, David Buffum, Percey Peck, Samuel Gifford, Levi Allen, Wm. A. Robinson, Gideon C. Smith, Thomas Harkness, Cordiah Chase, and Joseph H. Water, whom we appoint to attend as our representatives.

We have received and read the London general Epistle of 1864 - and trust its acceptable contents have been duly appreciated by us, and have received from the Yearly Meeting 500 Copies, which have been circulated among our meetings and members.

Our Monthly Meetings were early supplied with 400 Copies of the Printed Minutes of the Yearly Meeting, and 10 Copies of the Report of the Committee in charge of the Boarding School.

Our Treasurer has paid to the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting our Quota of the amount called for by minute of last year.

With the concurrence of the Women's Meeting we have united with Providence Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Hannah B. Peckham to the station of Elder.

Rhode Island Monthly Meeting reports the decease of Jonathan Dame an Elder who died at Newport 10th mo 31st 1865. - aged 79 years 6 months and 10 days.

Swansea Monthly Meeting reports the decease of Hannah C. Robinson a minister who died 7th mo 31st 1865. aged 76 years 11 months, and 27 days.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the Meeting.

Summary of Answers.

Ans. 1

All our meetings for religious worship and discipline have been attended except three small ones, which were omitted on account of inclemency of weather. On first day mornings by our members generally, in the afternoon of that day and in the middle of the week and for Discipline they are more neglected. The hour nearly observed. Some appearance of sleeping noticed.

Of other unbecoming behaviour clear except a few instances mentioned in one account, in which some care has been taken.

2

Love and unity generally maintained, and detraction mostly guarded against; — No differences except in the Monthly Meeting where endeavours are used to end them when they have appeared.

3

Friends are in a good degree careful to bring up those under their care as queried, to restrain from pernicious reading, and from corrupt conversation, and to be good examples. — The Holy Scriptures we believe are frequently read in Friends' families.

4

Careful in regard to Spirituous Liquors, The unnecessary frequenting of taverns avoided. A few instances of attending places of public resort mentioned in one report. — Moderation on the occasions referred to observed, some care taken in the above deficiencies.

5

The circumstances of the poor are attended to and their necessities relieved; their children instructed & training to fit them for business; — None placed out.

6. We believe Friends are careful to observe the discipline in relation to marriage.

7. Our testimonies in relation to the various parts of this Query, pretty well attended to.

8. Friends are careful to inspect their affairs and settle their accounts; punctual in their promises and just in the payment of their debts and endeavor to live within the bounds of their circumstances.

9. Records are attended to. No removals without certificates which are under notice.

10. Friends endeavor to deal with offenders as queried after; — and to place judgment in the authority of Truth according to Discipline.

Eighth month 1866.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Newport 5th mo 2nd 1866.

By accounts received from our Monthly Meetings the representatives are from Rhode Island Joseph C. Macomber, Jacob Chace, and William Shearman,

Greenwich Jonathan Treborn, Perez Peck.

Swansey, Moses Buffington, Oliver Slade,

Samuel Gifford.

Providence, Thomas Starkness, Caleb McPaine, Samuel Austin.

South Kingston, John D. Nichols, Peter H. Collins who are all present.

Our beloved friends David H. Bennett from Butternut's Monthly Meeting and Butternut's Quarterly Meeting, New York, Josiah Hartley from Vinland Monthly Meeting and Alum Creek Quarterly Meeting Ohio, Benjamin Tully from Whitewater Monthly and Whitewater Quarterly

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Meeting Indiana, are in attendance. This meeting and presented satisfactory certificates from their respective meetings expressive of unity with them as ministers and with their present religious engagement. Their company and religious services have been acceptable to us. The Clerk is directed to furnish each of them with returning minutes signed on behalf of this meeting.

Our beloved friend Deborah C Thomas attends this meeting with a certificate from Baltimore Monthly Meeting expressing unity with her as a minister and with her present engagement, her company and religious services have been acceptable to us and the Clerk is directed to sign on our behalf a returning minute prepared for her by the women's meeting.

The Queries have been read with answers from all our Monthly Meetings to the 1st 2nd & 10th.

Our friend Gilbert Girden returned at this time a certificate granted him in 5th mo 1865, with the information that he had performed what he had in prospect and the retrospect afforded him satisfaction and peace. He presented returning minutes from Dunning's Creek Quarterly Meeting, Baltimore Yearly Meeting, Cedar Creek Monthly Meeting, and Virginia Half Yearly Meeting, informing that his company and religious services had been acceptable to them, all of which is satisfactory to us.

The representatives to the Yearly Meeting report they all attended except one, for whose absence a sufficient reason was given.

Our Monthly Meetings were early supplied with 500 copies of the London printed Epistle of 1865, also 400 copies of printed minutes of our late Yearly Meeting, and 12 copies of the Report of the Committee in charge of the Boarding School.

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We have received the following minute from the Yearly Meeting relative to stock, whereupon we appoint W^m H. Robinson, Thomas Harkness, and Abner Slade a Committee to settle the Treasurers account to see what further sum may be necessary to raise for the use of this meeting and to propose the name of a Treasurer for the ensuing year.

"Yearly Meeting sixth month 1866.

It is concluded to raise three thousand dollars for the use of this Meeting the current year, which the Quarterly Meetings are requested to pay to David Buffum, our Treasurer.

The quota of Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting is seven hundred and fifty dollars (\$750) twenty five per cent.

From the minutes of the meeting.

Samuel Bond Tiler - Clerk.

Greenwich Monthly Meeting proposes, that, the Monthly Meetings heretofore held at Cranston next after the Quarterly Meetings, shall hereafter be held at East Greenwich, with which this meeting unites.

Having accomplished the business which has claimed the attention of this meeting, we conclude, purposing to meet at Somerset in the 11th month next (if permitted.)

Gideon C Smith Clerk

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At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends
held at Somerset 1st of 11th mo 1866.

By accounts received from our Monthly Meetings
the Representatives are from Rhode Island
William Shearman, Joseph E. Macomber, Jacob Mott,
Greenwich, Peter Peck, & Jonathan Freeborn.
Dunster, Samuel R. Buffington, Edward Allen, &
Joseph Carter, Providence, Thomas Harness, James
Dennis, & Henry Robinson, South Kingston, Timothy
C. Collins, Edward W. Collins, who are present except one.

Our beloved friend Oliver Goldsmith Owen
attended this meeting and presented a minute from
South River Monthly Meeting, Iowa, expressing unity with him
as a minister, and with his present religious engage-
ment, his company and religious services have been
acceptable to us.

Our beloved friend Jephtha W. Morgan attended
this meeting as companion to our friend Oliver O.
Owen, and presented a minute from South River
Monthly Meeting expressing unity with him in
his present engagement, his company has been
acceptable to us. The Clerk is directed to furnish
our friends with copies of minutes made on their
behalf. —

The Queries have been read with answers
to the 1st, 2nd and 10th from each of our Monthly
Meetings.

Our beloved friend Phebe R. Gifford,
attended this meeting and presented a minute
from Dartmouth Monthly Meeting expressing
unity with her as a minister and with her
present religious engagement, her company and
religious services have been acceptable to us.

The Clerk is directed to sign a minute prepared
in the women's meeting on her behalf similar
to the above.

The Committee appointed to settle the Treasurer's account and for other purposes, made the following report, which is accepted; and our several Monthly Meetings are requested to forward their respective quotas of eight Hundred dollars to Welcome Congdon whom we appoint our Treasurer for the ensuing year.

To the Quarterly Meeting.

The Committee appointed to examine and settle the Treasurer's account and for other purposes - report that they have attended thereto - and find Eighty Seven ⁴⁰/₁₀₀ dollars in his hands. They also propose the Quarterly Meeting should raise the sum of Eight hundred dollars - and the name of Welcome Congdon for Treasurer for the ensuing year.

Wm A Robinson.

Providence, R.I. Abner Slade. Committee
10th mo 25th 1866. Thomas Harkness.

The Committee appointed in the 5th month last, in regard to the Boundaries of Swansea Monthly Meeting, made the following report which is approved, and ordered to be recorded.

To Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting
of Friends next to be held at Somerset.
Dear Friends,

The Committee appointed in the fifth month last, in regard to the Boundaries of Swansea Monthly Meeting report, that they have examined said records as they have been able to obtain thus far, and it is our judgment that new Boundaries would be more convenient as Friends are now situated, we would therefore propose that the following be the Boundaries until different arrangement may be deemed necessary.

By Bristol and Warren be being within the limits of Swansea Monthly Meeting, then the Warren or Patuxet River be the dividing line between Providence and Swansea Monthly Meeting until

it come to the Town of Rehoboth, to include Swansea Rehoboth, Dighton, Taunton, and Norton until it comes to the line of Smithfield Quarterly Meeting, thence easterly to Salem Quarterly Meeting, thence southerly on the line of Salem and Sandwich Quarterly Meetings until it reaches the Town of Fiverton as the State lines now run between the States of Rhode Island and Massachusetts, thence westerly on the Fiverton line until it comes to Taunton River.

All of which is submitted.

Somerset 11th mo 1st 1866.

Joseph E. Macomber
Samuel Gifford } Committee.
Gideon C. Smith }

The London general Epistle of 1865 has been read in this meeting, and its interesting contents have been we trust, edifying and instructive to us.

This meeting unites with Providence Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the Gift and approving the public avocations in the ministry of Sarah E. Rounds.

Having disposed of the business which claimed the attention of the meeting, we conclude, purposing to meet in Providence in the second month next, if the Lord permit.)

Gideon C. Smith, clerk

Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Providence, 7th & 2nd months 1867.

For accounts received from our Monthly Meetings, the representatives are from Rhode Island, Joseph C. Macomber, Thomas B. Buffum, & George Bowen, from Greenwich, Perez Peck, and Solomon R. Knowles. Swansea, Larius Buffington, James Newton, and Samuel A. Buffington. Providence, Wm. A. Robinson, Gideon C. Smith, Nathan G. Chace, South Kingston, Abel F. Collins, and Wm. H. Perry, who are present except one.

Wm. A. Robinson on behalf of the representatives reported, a portion of them had concluded to propose the name of Gideon C. Smith as Clerk, and Samuel Austin for assistant Clerk, which being approved by the meeting they are accordingly appointed to that service for the year ensuing.

Our beloved friend Joseph H. Pratt, attended this meeting, with a minute from Dover Monthly Meeting expressing unity with him as a minister and with his present engagement, his company and religious services have been acceptable to us.

Our beloved friend Daniel Beede attended this meeting with a minute from Seabrook Monthly Meeting expressing unity with him as a minister, and with his present engagement, his company and religious engagements are acceptable to us, and the Clerk is directed to furnish copies of minutes to our friends in attendance.

The Queries have been read with the required answers from each of our Monthly Meetings.

Our beloved friend Susan Howland attended this meeting with a minute from New Bedford Monthly Meeting expressing unity with her as a minister, and with her present engagement her company and religious services have been acceptable to us. Our beloved friends Wm. C. and Rhoda H. Tabor attended this meeting, as companions to our friend Susan Howland, with a minute from

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New Bedford Monthly Meeting, certifying that he is an Elder and a true minister in unity their company has been acceptable to us. The Clerk is

directed to sign minutes made in the women's meeting similar to the above, on behalf of Susan Cowland and Rhoda H. Tabor, also for Wm C. Tabor.

Rhode Island, Greenwich, Swansea, and South Kingston Monthly Meetings report, having paid their proportion of stock called for in the 11th month last.

Having accomplished the business which claimed our attention, we conclude, proposing to meet at Greenwich in the 5th month next; (re-mitted)

Edison C. Smith, Clerk

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At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at East Greenwich 2nd of 5th mo 1867.

By accounts from the Monthly Meetings the representatives are, from Rhode Island, David Buffum, Levi Amy, & Joseph E. Atwater, from Greenwich, Percie Peck, & Solomon R. Knowles. Swansea, Stephen Chace, Nathan Chace, & Samuel Gifford, Providence, Thomas Hartness, Samuel & David Tabor, Wilcox Congdon, South Kingston, John W. Nichols, Wm H. Perry, who are all present except one, for whose absence a sufficient reason was given.

Our beloved friends David & Hannah B. Tatum attended this meeting, with a minute from Uxbridge Monthly Meeting, certifying that were ministers in unity with them, their company and religious services have been acceptable to us. Our beloved friend Mary Elliott attended this meeting with a minute from Goshen Monthly Meeting (Chic. enclosed

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to Hume Creek Quarters. Meeting, certifying she is a member and minister in Unity with them. Her company and religious services have been acceptable to us.

Our beloved friend Mary Wood attended this meeting as companion to Mary Elliott with a minute from Gilead's Monthly Meeting certifying she was an Elder and member in unity. Her company has been acceptable to us.

Our beloved friend Elizabeth Dillingham attended this meeting with a minute from Sandwich's Monthly Meeting, expressing unity with her as a minister and with her present engagement, her company and religious services have been acceptable to us.

Our beloved friend Stephen Dillingham attended this meeting accompanying his wife with a minute from Sandwich's Monthly Meeting, expressing unity with him in his present engagement, his company has been acceptable to us.

The Clerk has directed to furnish copies of minutes to the Friends with us made on their behalf.

The Queries have been read in this meeting, with answers from all our Monthly Meetings from which the following summary has been prepared as descriptive of our state which we forward for the information of the Yearly Meeting by our Friends.

Samuel Boyd, Tobey, Levi, Anna, Abner Slade, Nathan Chace, George Peck, Wm. A. Robinson, Samuel Gifford, Joseph Hartland, and George Anthony, whom we appoint our representatives.

This meeting concludes to propose to the Yearly Meeting that in future the Quarterly Meeting in the 11th month be held at Fall River instead of Somerset the women's meeting concurring.

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We unite with Providence Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gift and approving the public appearances in the ministry of Gertrude W. Cartland, in our own meeting building.

We have raised and forwarded for the Freedmen twelve hundred and thirty three dollars, (\$1233) viz. Rhode Island Monthly meeting. —

Seeds	114, 50
Cash	406, 00
Greenwich	52, 50
Providence,	500, 00
South Kingston	31, 00
	\$1233, 00

The Clerk is directed to sign any Extracts necessary for the information of the Yearly Meeting.

The business claiming the attention of the meeting, having been disposed of we conclude, purposing to meet at the usual time at Newport, in the 8th month next, if the Lord permit.)

Gideon C. Smith Clerk

To the Yearly Meeting.

Dear Friends,

The Queries have been read in this meeting with answers from all our Monthly Meetings, from which the following Summary has been prepared as a description of our state which we forward for the information of the Yearly Meeting to our Friends, Samuel Bond, Aaron, Levi, Anna, Abner, Isaac, Nathan Chase, Peter Peck, Wm. A. Robinson, Samuel Gifford, Joseph Cartland, and George Anthony, whom we appoint representatives. We have received 500 copies of the London printed Epistle of 1865, one of which has been read, we trust, to our edification. also 400 copies

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of printed minutes of the Yearly Meeting of 1866, and 12 copies of the Report of the Committee in charge of the Boarding School, all of which were early circulated among our Monthly Meetings and members.

Our Treasurer has paid to the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting our Quota of the amount called for by minute of last year.

We have united with Providence Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gift and approving the public appearances in the ministry of Sarah R. Reynolds.

We have raised and forwarded for the Freedmen, Twelve hundred and thirty three dollars.

This meeting concludes to propose to the Yearly Meeting that in future, the Quarterly Meeting in the 11th month be held at Fall River instead of Somerset, the women's meeting concurring.

We unite with Providence Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gift and approving the public appearances in the ministry of Gertrude W. Cartland, the women's meeting uniting.

By direction of the meeting.

Summary to the answers.

Ans. 1.

All our meetings have been attended, except nine small meetings, on account of Funerals, and severe storms. -- On First day morning by Friends generally. In the afternoon of that day and on week days there are not so well maintained. The hour observed, and with the exception of some instances of sleeping-unbecoming behaviour avoided.

2.

Love and unity are mostly maintained and

Attention generally guarded against.

No differences have come to our knowledge.

3.

Friends endeavour to bring up those under their care in plainness of speech. To restrain from pernicious reading, and from corrupt conversation. They good examples themselves, and the Holy Scriptures are frequently read in their families.

4.

We believe Friends are careful to avoid the use of spirituous liquors except for medicine, also the unnecessary frequenting of taverns & places of public resort, and to observe moderation in the cases referred to.

5.

The circumstances of the poor are attended to, and their necessities relieved. Their children partake of learning. none placed out.

6.

Careful that proceedings with regard to marriage be conformable to our discipline.

7.

Our testimonies against a paid minister and bearing arms maintained with little exception. The other parts of this query observed.

8.

Friends are generally careful to inspect their affairs and settle their accounts.

Punctual to their promises and just in payment of their debts, and endeavour to live within the bounds of their circumstances.

9.

Recording is attended to. No few removals without certificates. Some care taken.

10.

Care taken to deal with offenders as proposed in the query, and to place judgment when necessary according to discipline.

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All Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends
held at Newport 1st & 8th mo 1867.

By accounts from the Monthly Meetings
the representatives are from Rhode Island
Jacob Chase, George Bowen and Joseph Chase
from East Greenwich, Jonathan Freeborn and
Percy Peck, from Swansey, Abner Stade, Samuel
R. Buffington, and Stephen Chase, from
Providence W^m A. Robinson, Gideon C. Smith,
and Joseph Cartland, from South Kingstown
Mel^r S. Collins, John T. Nichols, who are all present.

We have in attendance of this meeting our
beloved friends Nathan Elliott of Sugar Plain
Monthly Meeting endorsed by Concord Quarterly
Meeting, and Robert H. Douglas with a
minute from Clear Creek Monthly Meeting,
Daniel Mac-Therson with a minute from
Gilead Monthly Meeting, Missouri, enclosed
to Center Quarterly Meeting expressing unity
with them as ministers and with their present
engagement, their company and religious
engagements have been acceptable to us and
the Clerk is directed to furnish them with
copies of minutes made on their behalf.

Our beloved friend Catharine Elliott
an Elder attended this meeting accompanying
her husband Nathan Elliott with a minute
from Sugar Plain Monthly Meeting expressing
unity with her and her present engagement,
her company has been acceptable to us.

The Queries have been read in
this meeting with the required answers from
each of our Monthly Meetings.

The representatives to the Yearly
Meeting report they all attended.

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Received the following minute from the Yearly Meeting relative to stock whereupon we appoint Thomas Harkness and Abner Slade a committee to settle the Treasurers account to see what sum may be necessary to raise for the use of this meeting and to propose the name of a Treasurer for the ensuing year and they are requested to report to our next meeting.

New England Yearly Meeting held
6th Month 1867.

It is concluded to raise \$3,000. dollars for the use of the Meeting the current year, and our several Quarterly Meetings are directed to forward to David Buffum our Treasurer, their respective proportions of that sum.

The quota of Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting is \$750. dollars, 25 per cent.

From the Minutes of the Meeting,
Charles R. Tucker,
assistant Clerk.

We have also received the following minute from the Yearly Meeting.

Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting proposes that the place of holding their Meeting in the 11th month be changed from Somerset to Fall River, which is approved.

From the minutes of New England Yearly Meeting held in the 6th month 1867.
Charles R. Tucker,
assistant Clerk.

Our beloved friend Abigail B. Kellogg attended this meeting with a minute from Greenwich Monthly Meeting ^{etico} addressed to Alum Creek Quarterly Meeting certifying unity with her as a minister and with her present engagement, her company and religious services

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have been acceptable to us.

Having disposed of the business which claimed the attention of the meeting we conclude, purposing to meet at the usual time in 11th month next at Fall River, (if the Lord permit.)

Gideon C. Smith Clerk

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At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Fall River 11th mo 7th 1867.

By accounts received from our Monthly Meetings the Representatives are, from Rhode Island, David Briggs, Joseph C. Macomber and Isaac Hathaway, from Greenwich, Jonathan Fickett and Percy Peck, from Swansea, Joseph Estes, Samuel R. Buffington, and Benjamin Chace, from Providence Wm. H. Robinson, Gideon C. Smith, and Thomas Harkness, from South Kingston, Edward W. Collins, John J. Nichols, who are present except one.

Our beloved friends Oliver G. Owen from South River Monthly Meeting, Warren County Iowa, Nathan Douglas, from Durham Monthly Meeting, Maine, and S. Newell Hoxie from Sandwich Monthly Meeting Mass are in attendance of this meeting, each presenting minutes from their respective meetings expressing unity with them as ministers and with their present engagement, their company and religious services have been acceptable to us, and the Clerk is authorized to sign returning minutes prepared for them.

The Queries have been read with required answers from each of our Monthly Meetings.

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The Committee to settle the Treasurers account and for other purposes made the following report which is satisfactory to the meeting and our Monthly Meetings are requested to forward their respective Dues to ^{whom we appoint} Welcome Congdon our Treasurer for the ensuing year.

"To the Quarterly Meeting.

Agreeably to appointment we have examined and settled the Treasurers account — Balance in his hands One hundred two dollars & 70 cents — And propose to raise Seven hundred & fifty dollars for the use of the Meeting, and Welcome Congdon for Treasurer.

Providence 9th month 25th 1867.

Thomas Hartness }
Homer Stude } Committee.

The London General Epistle for 1866 was read to our edification and comfort.

Our beloved friend Hannah S. Fry attended this meeting with a minute from Marlborough Monthly Meeting endorsed by Cornwall Quarterly Meeting & certifying unity with her as a minister and with her present engagement, her company and religious services have been acceptable to us.

Our esteemed friend Hannah C. Jonson attended this meeting as companion to Hannah S. Fry with a minute from Marlborough Monthly Meeting certifying unity with her present engagement, her company has been acceptable to us.

Having disposed of the business which claimed the attention of the meeting, we conclude, proposing to meet in Providence at the usual time in 2nd month next. if the Lord permit.

Gideon C. Smith Clerk

Second Month 1868.

Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Providence 6th of 2nd month 1868.

By accounts received from our several Monthly Meetings, the representatives are, viz, from Rhode Island, Joseph C. Macomber, George Bowen, and William Mathaway. from Greenwich, Perez Peck, and Solomon R. Knowles. from Swansea, Darius Buffington, Benjamin Earle, and James Kewlen. from Providence, W^m A. Robinson, Gideon C. Smith, and Nathan G. Chace. from South Kingston Peter H. Collins, and W^m Perry. who are all present.

W^m A. Robinson in behalf of the representatives inquired the meeting that a portion of their number had conferred together and were united in proposing Gideon C. Smith for Clerk and Samuel Austin for Assistant which was united with and they are appointed for the ensuing year or until another appointment.

Our beloved friend Samuel Gifford attended this meeting with a certificate from Sandwich Monthly Meeting, Mass. certifying he was a minister in unity, his company and religious services have been acceptable to us. Our beloved friend Newen Ordway attended this meeting with a minute from Sealbick Monthly Meeting certifying he was a minister in unity, his company and religious services have been acceptable to us and the Clerk is directed to furnish them with copies of minutes made on their behalf.

The Queries have been read with answers to the 1st 2nd and 10th from each of our Monthly Meetings.

Rhode Island Swansea and Greenwich Monthly Meetings inform they have paid their Quotas of Stock called for in the 11th month last.

With the concurrence of the Women's meeting we have united with South Kingston Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Peter H. Collins to the Station of Elder. Having accomplished the business that claimed the attention of the meeting, we conclude purposeing to meet in Greenwich in the 5th mo next, if the Lord permit. G. C. Smith

Fifth month 1868.

Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at East Greenwich 7th of 5th mo 1868.

By accounts from the Monthly Meetings the representatives are, from Rhode Island, George Anthony, Isaac Hathaway, and Jacob Mott; from Greenwich, Solomon R. Knowles, and Perez Peck; from Swansea, Eadian Grace Stemon Grace, and Abner Slade; from Providence, Jonathan L. Stearns, Thomas Harkness, and Gideon C. Smith; from South Kingston, Edward H. Collins, and George S. Gould, who are all present.

The Queries have been read in this meeting with answers from each of our Monthly Meetings from which the annexed summary has been prepared as descriptive of our state, which we forward for the information of the Yearly Meeting to our Friends David Burum, Thomas Harkness, Perez Peck, Samuel Gifford, Abner Slade, Peter H. Collins, Wm. C. Robinson, Gilbert Condon, Wm. Grace George Bowen, Jonathan Freeman, and Joseph C. Anthony, whom we appoint as our representatives.

A Memorial from South Kingston Monthly Meeting concerning our late friend Timothy C. Collins was read and approved by this meeting which the Clerks are requested to endorse and forward to the meeting for sufferings.

Providence Monthly Meeting reports the decease of Moses H. Beede a member of that meeting and a minister, sixth month 19th 1867. Aged 72 years 1 month and six days. Also Samuel Bond Tebey, a member of that meeting and a minister deceased sixth month 23rd 1867. Aged sixty one years, seven months and eleven days.

Joseph Metcalf a member and Elder of Providence Monthly Meeting deceased 27th of 12th mo 1867. Aged 84 years and 2 months.

Greenwich Monthly Meeting reports the decease of Joanna Peck a member and Elder of that meeting, 5th of 10th mo 1867. Aged 81 years, 6 months and 16 days.

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Providence and South Kingston Monthly Meetings report the payment of their Dues of Stock called for in the 11th month last.

We have received the following minute from Providence Monthly Meeting, whereupon we appoint the following named Friends to consider the subject and report to a future meeting, viz. George Bowen, George Anthony, Perez Peck, Solomon T. Knowles, Stephen Chace, Hiram Buffinton, W^m H. Robinson, Thomas Harkness, Abel F. Collins, and W^m H. Perry.

"In consequence of recent changes in this Monthly Meeting we have thought it desirable to call the attention of the Quarterly Meeting to the subject of a new apportionment of its expenses among the Monthly Meetings."

Having disposed of the business that claimed the attention of the meeting we conclude, proposing to meet at Newport at the usual time in the 8th mo next if permitted.

To New England Yearly Meeting of Friends.

Dear Friends,

The Queries have been read in this meeting with answers from each of our Monthly Meetings from which the annexed summary has been prepared as descriptive of our state which we forward for the information of the Yearly Meeting by our friends David Burdum, Thomas Harkness, Perez Peck, Samuel Gifford, Anna Stade, Peter H. Collins, W^m H. Robinson, Gilbert Congdon, W^m Chace, George Bowen, Jonathan Freeman, and Joseph C. Anthony, whom we appoint as our representatives.

We received 500 copies of the London general Epistle for 1866 one of which was read to our edification and comfort. These were distributed as directed by the Yearly Meeting.

We received 400 copies of the printed minutes of the Yearly Meeting which were early distributed among our meetings and members.

Fifth month 1868.

Our Treasurer has paid to the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting our portion of the amount called for by minute last year.

In consequence of recent changes in this Quarterly Meeting we have thought it desirable to call the attention of the Yearly Meeting to the subject of a new apportionment of its expenses among the Quarterly Meetings.

With the concurrence of the women's meeting we have united with South Kingston Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Peter H. Collins to the station of Elder.

Providence Monthly Meeting reports the decease of Moses H. Beede a member of that meeting and a minister, 19th of 6th mo 1867. Aged 72 years 1 month and 6 days. Also Samuel Boyd, Tacey a member of that meeting and a minister deceased 23^d of 6th mo 1867. Aged 61 years 7 months and 11 days.

Also Joseph Metcal, a member and Elder of Providence Monthly Meeting deceased 27th of 12th mo 1867. Aged 84 years and 2 months.

Greenwich Monthly Meeting reports the decease of Joanna Bece a member and Elder of that meeting 15th of 10th mo 1867. Aged 51 years 6 months and 16 days.

In direction and on behalf of Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting held at East Greenwich 7th of 5th mo 1868.

Gideon C. Smith Clerk

Ans. 1st All our meetings have been attended except nine very small ones, one of these omitted on account of the absence of Friends at the Yearly Meeting. The rest from inclement weather, impassable roads and ill health. Those held on the morning of First day, by Friends generally; on the afternoon of that day and in the middle of the week they are more neglected. The hour nearly observed; no unbecoming behaviour apparent except some instances of sleeping.

2.nd Love and unity are pretty well maintained and detraction guarded against. No differences come to our knowledge except a single case in one Monthly Meeting under notice.

3.^d Most Friends are careful to bring up those under their care in plainness, to restrain them from pernicious reading and corrupt conversation, and to set good examples therein themselves.

We believe the Holy Scriptures are frequently read in Friends families.

4.th Spirituous Liquors confined to medicinal purposes. Places of public resort mostly avoided.

Moderation observed on the occasions referred to.

5.th The circumstances of the Poor attended to and their necessities relieved:— their children partake of learning to fit them for business. None placed out.

6.th Parents and heads of families with the young and unmarried are generally careful that all proceedings with respect to marriage conform to the requisitions of our Discipline.

7.th Our testimony to the freeness of the Gospel Ministry is maintained; also against bearing arms, training or other military matters, against being concerned in property taken in war, buying or vending goods suspected to be run, and against making false entries to evade the payment of duties.

8.th Friends are careful to inspect their affairs and settle their accounts: generally punctual to their promises and just in the payment of their debts and careful to live within the bounds of their circumstances.

9th Careful as to Records; a few removals without
certificates under notice.

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Care taken, with a little exception in one Monthly
Meeting, to deal with offenders in manner queried
after and to place judgment according to Discipline.

Eighth Month 1868.

All Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held
at Newport 8th mo 6th 1868.

The Representatives from the Monthly meetings, are
viz. from Rhode Island, Jacob Chase, George Anthony,
and Thomas D. Bugum.

Greenwich, Jonathan Freeman, and Broz. Peck.

Swansea, Samuel R. Buffinton, Barzilai Buffinton
and Elias Buffinton.

Providence, Gilbert Congdon, James Dennis, and
Jonathan L. Hocum.

South Kingston, Peter H. Collins, and Peter G. Collins.
were present except two for whose absence sufficient
reasons were given.

Our beloved friend Edward C. Young
attended this meeting with a minute from Western
Monthly Meeting endorsed by Union Creek Quarterly
Meeting, Ohio, certifying he was a minister in unity
with them, his company and religious services have
been acceptable to us.

Our beloved friend Murray Snipley attended
this meeting with a minute from Cincinnati Monthly
Meeting certifying he was a minister in unity with
them and with his present engagement, his company
and religious engagement have been acceptable to us.

Our beloved friend Joseph W. Jay attended this
meeting as companion to Edward C. Young with a
minute from Haysville Monthly Meeting certifying
unity with his present engagement, his company has been
acceptable to us.

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Our beloved friend Eunice Winslow attended this meeting with a minute from St. Albans Monthly Meeting certifying she was a minister in unity with them. Her company and religious services have been acceptable to us.

Our beloved friend Lavinia M. Briggs attended this meeting as companion to Eunice Winslow with a minute from Silchester Monthly Meeting expressing unity with her present engagement. Her company has been acceptable to us. The Clerk is directed to furnish Friends with us Copies of minutes made on their behalf.

The Queries have been read in this meeting with the required answers from each of our Monthly Meetings.

The Committee to take into consideration a new apportionment made the following report which the meeting accepts, and our several Monthly Meetings are desired to pay in accordance therewith.

"The Committee appointed in the Fifth Month last to apportion the amount of Stock to be raised by each Monthly Meeting, Report,

Providence Monthly Meeting	36	per cent
Rhode Island " "	33	" "
Dunstable " "	23	" "
Greenwich " "	4	" "
South Kingston " "	4	" "

Newport 5th mo 6th 1868.

George Bowen
for the Committee.

Representatives to the Yearly Meeting report they all attended. The London General Printed Epistle of 1867. was read at this time which is acceptable and edifying to us.

Our Monthly Meetings have been supplied with 500 copies of the London Printed Epistle.

of 1867. with 400 Copies of the printed minutes of our late Yearly Meeting. 12 Copies of the Report of the Committee in charge of the Boarding School.

We have received the following minute from the Yearly Meeting relative to Stock, whereupon we appoint Thomas Carricks, Wm. A. Robinson and George Bowen, a Committee to settle the Treasurer's account and to see what further sum may be needed for the use of this account and to propose the name of a Treasurer for the ensuing year.

"Yearly Meeting of Friends
for New England 6th mo 1868.

It is concluded to raise Six Thousand Dollars, for Yearly Meeting Stock the coming year. And all Quarterly Meetings are requested to forward their respective proportions of said sum, to Fifteen C. Smith, Treasurer of our Yearly Meeting.

Rhode Island's Quarterly Meeting's proportion Twenty Five per cent. is Fifteen hundred Dollars. 1500 Dollars.

On behalf of the meeting.
Samuel Boyce.
Clerk."

In concurrence with the women's meeting we unite with Greenwich Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Deborah P. Howland to the station of Elder.

Having disposed of the business which claimed the attention of the meeting we conclude, proposing to meet at Fall River in 11th month next if the Lord permit.

Gideon C. Smith
Clerk

Eleventh Month 1868.

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting, Decine 1. Thomas
held at Fall River 5th of 11th month 1868.

The Representatives from the Monthly Meetings
are, from Rhode Island, Isaac H. Atterbury, William
Stearns, and James H. H. from Greenwich, Jonathan
Frisson, and Perez Peck, from Wanscy Edmund
Bullinton, Samuel R. Bullinton and Wm. Chase,
from Providence, George L. Collins Joseph H. Atterbury,
Samuel Austin, and Theodore C. Smith,
from South Kingston, Wm. H. Perry, and Peter Collins.
were present except one.

Our beloved friend Newell Hoxie attended
this meeting with a certificate from Sandwich
Monthly Meeting certifying unity with him as a
minister and with his present engagement his company
and religious services have been acceptable to us.

Our beloved friend Joseph H. Pratt attended
this meeting with a certificate from Dover Monthly
Meeting certifying unity with him as a minister
and with his present engagement, his company
and religious services have been acceptable to us.

Our beloved friend Martha E. Pratt an
Elder attended this meeting with a minute from
Dover Monthly Meeting, accompanying her husband
in his present engagement, her company has been
acceptable to us. The Clerk is directed to furnish
Friends with copies of minutes made on their
behalf. The Queries have been read in this
meeting with answers to the 1st 2nd and 10th from
each of our Monthly Meetings.

Our beloved friend Maria H. H. attended
this meeting with a certificate from Sandwich
Monthly Meeting, certifying unity with her as a
minister in her present engagement, her company
and religious engagement are acceptable to us.

The Committee to settle the Treasurers account
and for other purposes make the following report which
is satisfactory to the meeting and our Monthly meeting
are requested to forward their several Ductus to
Welcome Congdon whom we appoint our Treasurer.

To the Quarterly Meeting,

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We have attended to our appointment, Examined and settled the Treasurers account. Balance due him Twenty Nine dollars and 42 cents. We propose to raise Three Hundred dollars in addition to the amount called for by the Quarterly Meeting to our amounting to Eighteen Hundred dollars and Welcome Congdon for Treasurer.

Providence 10th Mo 3^d. 1868.

Thomas Harkness } for the
Wm N Robinson } Committee.

Our beloved friend Huldah M. Beede opened in this meeting a prospect which had for a long time rested on her mind to visit in the future the Society most of the meetings of this Yearly Meeting, and to attend the Yearly Meetings of New York and Canada and most of the meetings of the latter and some of those of New York Yearly Meeting as set forth in a certificate from Providence Society Meeting which claimed the said consideration of this meeting and was united with and we left at liberty to pursue the prospect as further may open the way, and we assign Wm. N. Robinson, Thomas Harkness and Gideon C. Smith with whom she may consult in regard to her contemplated journey.

Having disposed of the business which has claimed the attention of the meeting, we conclude, purposing to meet in Providence at the usual time, if the Lord permit.

Gideon C. Smith, Clerk

Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting held at Providence
14th of 2nd month 1869.

The representatives from the Monthly Meetings are from Rhode Island, Cooke Beach, Jacob Chase, and Isaac Hathaway from Greenwich, Perez Peck and Jonathan Tietzen. Swansea Stephen Chase, Hiram Burinton, and Joseph C. Bulfinch. Providence, Thomas Kirkman, Joseph H. Water, and James Dennis. South Kingstown, Rev. H. Collins, and George S. Gould, who are all present.

Perez Peck on behalf of the representatives proposed Gideon C. Smith for Clerk and Samuel Rust for a Assistant Clerk, which was united with and they were appointed to that service for the year ensuing or until another appointment.

Our beloved friends Samuel Gifford with a minute from Sandwich Monthly Meeting endorsed by Sandwich Quarterly Meeting, John Page with a minute from Ware Monthly Meeting, and Thomas B. Nichols with a minute from Uxbridge Monthly Meeting expressing united with them as ministers and with their present engagement, attended this meeting, their company and religious services have been acceptable to us, and the Clerk is directed to furnish them with returning minutes.

Our beloved friend Rachel B. Nichols attended this meeting in company with her husband Thomas B. Nichols with a minute from Uxbridge Monthly Meeting expressing united with us as an Elder and with the present engagement, her company has been acceptable to us, and the Clerk is directed to sign a returning minute prepared on her behalf.

The Queries have been read with answers to the 1st 2nd and 10th from each of our Monthly Meetings.

Rhode Island, Greenwich, and Swansea Monthly Meetings report having ordered the payment of their respective quotas of stock to our Treasurer.

Having disposed of the business which has come before we would desire to adopt the language of the Minutes.

Oh that men would praise the Lord for his goodness
and for his wonderful works to the children of men.
we conclude purchasing to meet at quarterly
in 5th month next if permitted.

Gideon C. Smith Clerk

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Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held
at East Greenwich 6th of 5th mo 1869.

By accounts from our Monthly Meetings the
representatives are from Rhode Island, Isaac Hathaway,
George Bowen, and Wm. L. Richardson. from Greenwich
Jonathan Freeman, and Perez Peck. Swansea Benjamin
C. Chase, Philip J. Tapp, and Wm. Chase. Providence,
Thomas Harkness, Joseph Cartland, Thomas Chase,
and James Dennis. South Kingstown, Abel F. Collins,
and John T. Nichols, who are all present.

Our beloved friend Joseph H. Pratt attended
this meeting with a minute from Dover Monthly Meeting
certifying unite with him as a minister, and with his
present engagement, his company and religious services
have been acceptable to us.

The Queries have been read in this meeting
with answers from our several Monthly Meetings from
which the annexed Summary has been prepared as
descriptive of our State, which we forward for the inform-
ation of the Yearly Meeting by our friends, David Burpee,
Perez Peck, Thomas Harkness, Anne Stude, George Bowen,
Wm. A. Robinson, Joseph C. Tuttenoy, Gideon C. Smith,
Abel F. Collins, and James Dennis whom we appoint our
representatives.

Greenwich Monthly Meeting reports the death of
Marinus Parker an Elder who died 25th of 5th mo 1868
aged 77 years and 29 days.

Providence Monthly Meeting proposed the name
of Thomas Harkness as Correspondent of that meeting
with which this meeting unites.

Our beloved friend Caroline C. Tappell attended this
meeting with a minute from Short Creek Monthly Meeting.

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endorsed by Short Creek Quarterly Meeting Church certifying unity with her as a minister and with her present engagement, her company and religious services have been acceptable to us.

Our beloved friend Elizabeth F. Nelson attended this meeting as companion to our friend Caroline E. Talbot with a minute from Smithfield Northern Meeting Church certifying unity with her as a member and with her present engagement, her company has been acceptable to us.

The Clerk is directed to furnish our friend Joseph H. Pratt with a copy of the minutes made on this behalf and to sign minutes furnished in the women's meeting on behalf of Caroline E. Talbot and Elizabeth F. Nelson.

South Kingston Northern Meeting reports the payment of their quota of stock called for in the 11th month last.

This meeting proposes that the time of holding the meeting of Ministers and Elders be changed from 3 O'clock P. M. to 2 O'clock P. M. in the 5th month.

Having disposed of the business which claimed the attention of the meeting we conclude, for going to meet at New York in the 5th mo next, if the Lord permit.

Gideon C. Smith Clerk

To New England Yearly Meeting of Friends
Dear Friends,

The Queries have been read in this meeting with answers from our several Monthly Meetings from which the annexed summary has been prepared as descriptive of our state, which we forward for the information of the Yearly Meeting to our friends David Dufam, Pres. Meck, Thomas C. Wainwright, Homer Meade, George Bowen, W. A. Dickinson, Joseph C. Puckney, Gideon C. Smith, Abel F. Collins, and James Dennis, whom we appoint our representatives.

We received 500 Copies of the London printed Epistle for 1867, one of which was read to our edification and comfort.

40 copies of the printed minutes of our late Yearly Meeting, 40 copies of the Report of the Committee having charge of the Yearly Meeting, Boarding School, and 250 copies of Reminders of deceased Friends, all of which have been distributed among our Monthly Meetings and members.

Our Treasurer has paid the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting our Dues of Stock called for to minute last year.

We have united with Greenwich Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Ebenezer H. Howland to the Station of Elder.

Greenwich Monthly Meeting regretted the decease of Marinus Parker an Elder who died 25th of 5th month 1868. aged 77 years and 29 days.

Providence Monthly Meeting proposed the name of Thomas Marknes as Correspondent of that meeting in place of Samuel Boyd, Senior deceased, with which this meeting unites.

Signed by direction of the meeting
aforesaid,

Ans. 1.

All our meetings for religious worship and discipline have been attended except three small meetings in the middle of the week, one omitted during the sitting of the Yearly Meeting, the others caused by circumstances beyond the control of Friends.

2nd

Love and unity are maintained with little exception and detraction is guarded against, where any differences arise endeavours are used to end them.

3rd

Friends generally endeavour to bring up their under their care in plainness of speech, behaviour and apparel, to restrain them from profane reading and corrupt conversation, pretty good examples themselves and we believe the Holy Scriptures are frequently read in Friends families.

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Friends are careful to avoid the use of Spirituous liquors except for medicine. — the unnecessary frequenting of Taverns and places of public resort and to keep in due moderation and temperance on the account of Births, marriages, Burials, and on other occasions.

5. th

The circumstances of the Poor are attended to and their necessities relieved, their children partake of learning, to fit them for business, — none placed out.

6. th

Friends are generally careful that all proceedings with respect to marriage be conformable to our Discipline.

7. th

We know of no breach of this Query.

8. th

We believe Friends are careful to inspect their affairs and settle their accounts — intend to be punctual to their promises and just in the payment of their debts, and are careful to live within the bounds of their circumstances.

9. th

Recording is attended to, — a few removals without certificates, some care taken.

10. th

Care is taken to deal with all Offenders as queried after, — and to place judgment when necessary according to Discipline.

Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held
at Newport 8th mo 5th 1869.

By accounts from our Monthly Meetings received
at this time the representatives are from Rhode Island
Chace George Douen, and Anna Tetterton.
Greenwich Peter Peck and Jonathan Freeborn.
Providence William Buffington, Mark Anthony, and
Anna Thore. Providence Welcome Congdon, James
Dennis and Thomas Harkness. South Kingston,
Peter H. Collins, and Wm H. Perry, who are all present.

The Minutes have been read with the required
answers from each of our Monthly Meetings.

Representatives to the Yearly Meeting
report they all attended.

Received at this time the following from the
Yearly Meeting.

Yearly Meeting 6th mo 1869.

Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting proposes that the
time of holding their Quarterly Meeting of Ministers &
Elders held in the 5th mo. be changed from 3 o'clock in
the afternoon to 2 o'clock which being approved by
this and the women's Quarterly Meeting, the change
is accordingly made.

It is

It is concluded to raise Six
Thousand Dollars for the purpose of defraying the
expenses of this meeting the coming year. And
our several Quarterly Meetings are requested to for-
ward their respective proportions of said sum to
Gideon E. Smith Treasurer of this meeting.

Rhode Island's proportion Twenty Two per cent.
is Thirteen Hundred Twenty Dollars - 1320 Dols.
On behalf of the Yearly Meeting.

Samuel Boyce
Clerk.

We appoint Wm Chace and Thomas Harkness
to settle the Treasurer's account, to see what further
sum may be needed for the use of this meeting and
to prepare the name of a Treasurer for the ensuing
year and to report to our next meeting.

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Received 500 Copies of the printed London Epistles
400 Copies of Printed minutes of our late Yearly Meeting
15 copies of the report of the Committee in charge
of the "Hearty" Meeting Boarding School, which we
forward to our Monthly Meetings.

We appoint George Bower, Jacob Mott,
Perez Peck, Jonathan Freeborn, Abner Slade,
Christian Chase, Thomas Harbison, Judson C. Smith,
Wm H. Perry, and Peter H. Collins a Committee
to take into consideration the subject of a change
of places of holding our Quarterly Meeting.

We unite with Swansea Monthly
Meeting in acknowledging the gift and arriving
the public appearances in Mr. Ministry of
Mark Anthony and Amey S. Anthony.

We received the following from Swansea
Monthly Meeting. viz.

"We propose to the Quarterly
Meeting, the consideration of a new apportionment
of Quarterly Meeting's Stock."

Whereupon we appoint Joseph Macomber,
Jacob Mott, Solomon R. Knowles, Perez Peck,
Noses Baymston, W. Chase, Jonathan L. Sticum,
James Dennis, Peter H. Collins, and Wm H. Perry
to consider the subject and report to a future meeting.

The London printed Epistle of 1868 was
read at this time to our edification.

Having disposed of the business which
claimed the attention of the meeting, we conclude,
proposing to meet at Fall River in 11th mo
next, if the Lord permit.

Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at
Fall River 4th of 11th month 1869.

By accounts received from our Monthly Meetings the
representatives are from Rhode Island, Isaac Hathaway,
George Anthony, and Joseph C. Aucomber, Greenwich, Pier
Ack, Charles W. Curie, Swansea, Rowland G. Buffington,
Nathan Chace, Leonard Underwood, Providence Weicome
Congdon, Joseph Cartland, James Dennis, South Kingston,
Peter H. Collins, and John T. Nichols who are all present.

We have at this time the company of our beloved
friends Joel Bean with a minute from Springdale
Monthly Meeting, indorsed by Springdale Quarterly
Meeting, Iowa. Newell Hoxie with a minute from
Sandwich Monthly Meeting Mass. Joseph H. Pratt with
a minute from Dover Monthly Meeting N. H. expressing
unity with them as ministers and with their present
engagements, their company and religious services have
been acceptable to us, the Clerk is directed to furnish
them with copies of minutes made in their behalf.

Our beloved friend Martha E. Pratt accompanying
her husband Joseph H. Pratt attended this meeting with
a minute from Dover Monthly Meeting expressing unity
with her as an Elder and with her present engage-
ment, her company has been acceptable to us, the Clerk
is directed to sign a minute on her behalf made in
the women's meeting.

The Queries have been read with the required
answers from each of our Monthly Meetings.

Our beloved friend Elizabeth C. King attended
this meeting with a minute from Sandwich
Monthly Meeting certifying unity with her as a
minister and with her present engagement, her com-
pany and religious services have been acceptable to us,
the Clerk is directed to sign a minute in her behalf
made in the women's meeting.

The Committee to settle the Treasurer's account
and for other purposes make the following report, viz,

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The Committee to examine and settle the Treasurer's

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account &c. Report they have attended to their appointment and find a balance in his hands of Two Hundred Thirty three ³³/₁₀₀ dollars— and propose that Sixteen hundred dollars be raised to pay demands on the meeting and Welcome Congdon for Treasurer.

Providence 11th mo 14th 1869.

Thomas Harkness
For the Committee.

which is satisfactory to the meeting and our Monthly Meetings are requested to forward their several quotas to Welcome Congdon whom we appoint our Treasurer for the year ensuing or until another appointment.

Samuel Buffington is appointed on the Committee on a new appointment of stock in place of our ^{late} Dear Friend Moses Buffington deceased.

We received from Greenwich Monthly Meeting the following minute, viz,

Some persons living near Friends Meeting House in Warwick having manifested a wish to obtain the fee of a portion of the Meeting House lot at that place, for the purpose of erecting a Meeting House thereon for their use, we deem it proper to ask the Quarterly Meeting to appoint a Committee with whom our Committee now under appointment to give attention to the matter, may confer and advise.

Copied from the minutes of Greenwich Monthly Meeting held at Coventry 11th mo 1st 1869.

Solomon R. Knowles Clerk.

whereupon we appoint Thomas Harkness and W^m. A. Robinson to advise with the Committee of Greenwich ^{Monthly Meeting} in regard to the subject.

Having disposed of the business that claimed the attention of the meeting, we conclude, proposing to meet at Providence in 2nd month next if permitted.

Gideon C Smith Clerk

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At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends
held 3^d of 2nd mo 1870.

By accounts from our Monthly Meetings, the
Representatives are, from Rhode Island, Jacob Chase,
Robert Evans, Asahel E. Macomber, Tom Greenwicke,
Solomon R. Knowles, Percy Peck, from Swansea, Charles A.
Chace, Darius Buffington, and Samuel Buffington.
Providence, Joseph H. Mather, Gideon C. Smith, and
W^m A. Robinson. South Kingston, Thomas W. Browning.
Abel F. Collins, who are present except one.

W^m A. Robinson on behalf of the representatives
reports that a portion of their number had conferred
together and were united in proposing the names of
Gideon C. Smith for Clerk, and Samuel Austin for
assistant Clerk which is united with by the meeting
and they are appointed for that service for the ensuing
year.

Our beloved friend Sewell Ordway attended this
meeting with a minute from Seabrook Monthly Meeting
endorsed by Salem Quarterly Meeting certifying unity
with him as a minister and with his present engage-
ment, his company and religious services have been
acceptable to us. Our beloved friend Daniel Beede
attended this meeting with a minute from Seabrook
Monthly Meeting certifying unity with him as a
minister and with his present engagement, his
company and religious services have been acceptable
to us and the Clerk is directed to furnish them
with a copy of a minute made on their behalf.

The Queries have been read with the required
answers from each of our Monthly Meetings.

Rhode Island, Greenwich and Swansea Monthly
Meetings report having directed the payment of their
several quotas of Stock to our Treasurer.

The Committee appointed in the 8th mo last
to propose a new apportionment of Stock made the follow-
ing report which was accepted by the meeting.

To Your Committee to whom was referred the subject
of an apportionment among the Monthly Meetings, make

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the following report, viz. We propose that
Rhode Island's proportion should be
33 per cent.

Greenwich	3	"	"
Swansey	19	"	"
Providence	41	"	"
South Kingston	4	"	"

Perez Peck
Providence Wm. Chace Peter H. Collins
2nd mo 2nd 1870. James Dennis Joseph E. Macomber
Jacob Mott. Saml W. Buffinton

George Bowen on behalf of the Committee appointed in the 8th mo last on the subject of a change of places of holding our Quarterly Meeting, reported that they had considered the subject and the Committee now unite in recommending that no change be made, which is satisfactory to the meeting.

Having disposed of the business which claimed the attention of the meeting, we conclude, proposing to meet at Greenwich in the 5th mo next if the Lord permit.

Gideon C. Smith
Clerk

Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at East Greenwich 5th of 5th mo 1870.

By accounts from our several Monthly Meetings the representatives are from Rhode Island, Levi Almy, George Anthony, and George Bowen from ^{Greenwich} Swansey, Obadiah Chace, Philip J. Tripp, and Hiram* Buffington from Providence Wm. H. Robinson, James Dennis, and Joseph H. Murater from South Kingston, John Babcock, Edward W. Collins who are all present.

Our beloved friend Lemuel Gifford attended this meeting with a minute from Sandwich Monthly Meeting certifying unity with him as a minister and with his present engagement, his company and religious services have been acceptable to us.* Perez Peck & Solomon R. Knapp

Our beloved friend William P. Macomber attended this meeting with a minute from Westport Monthly Meeting certifying unity with him as a minister and with his present engagement, his company and religious services have been satisfactory to us and the Clerk is directed to furnish them Copies of returning minutes.

The Queries have been read in this meeting with answers from each of our Monthly Meetings, from which the following summary has been prepared, describing our state, which we forward for the information of the Yearly Meeting by our Friends, David Buffum, Joseph Cartland, Perez Peck, Hiram Buffington, Wm A. Robinson, Obadiah Chace, George Bowen, Edward W. Collins, Stephen Chace, James Dennis, Gideon C. Smith, and George Anthony, whom we appoint representatives.

Our friend Huldah M. Beede returned at this time the certificate granted her in the 11th mo 1868, with the information that through great mercy she had been enabled to accomplish most of the religious service she then had in prospect, and that a retrospect afforded peace; she also presented returning minutes from Canada Yearly Meeting, from New York Yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders, from Vassalboro, Falmouth, Dover, and Fairfield Quarterly Meetings, and from Yonge Street, Durham, Chino, Vassalborough, Unity, Litchfield, Dover, Berwick, Smithfield, Dartmouth, New Bedford, and Sandwich Monthly Meetings, all expressive of her company and religious services having been satisfactory to them, all of which is acceptable to this meeting. Rhode Island Monthly Meeting reports the decease of Hannan Almy an Elder 11th mo 22nd 1869. Aged 92 years 8 months and 16 days. Providence and South Kingston Monthly Meetings report their payment of their Quotas of Stock to our Treasurer. Having disposed of the business which claimed the attention of the meeting we conclude, proposing to meet again in the 8th mo next, if permitted.)

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To New England Yearly Meeting of Friends
Dear Friends,

The Queries have been read in this meeting with answers from each of our Monthly Meetings, from which the following Summary has been prepared describing our state, which we forward for the information of the Yearly Meeting, by our Friends, David Buffum, Joseph Cartland, Perez Peck, Hiram Buffington, Wm. H. Robinson, Obadiah Chace, George Bowen, Edward W. Collins, Stephen Chace, James Dennis, Gideon C. Smith, and George Anthony, whom we appoint representatives.

We received from the Yearly Meeting 500 Copies of the London Printed Epistle of 1868.

400 Copies of Printed minutes of our last Yearly Meeting. 15 Copies of the Report of the Committee in charge of the Yearly Meeting Boarding School which were forwarded to our Monthly Meetings.

Our Treasurer has paid to the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting our proportion of Stock called for by minute of last year.

We have united with Swansea Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gift and approving the Public appearances in the ministry of Mark Anthony, and Amey S. Anthony.

Rhode Island Monthly Meeting reports the decease of Hannah May an Elder 11th mo. 22nd 1869. aged 72 years, 8 months, and 16 days.

Signed by direction and on behalf of Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at East Greenwich 5th of 5th mo 1870.

Obed. I. St.

All our meetings have been attended except eleven small meetings omitted on account of inclement weather and sickness, — on First day morning by Friends generally, on the afternoon of that day and in the middle of the week they are more neglected. The hour nearly observed. Excepting

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Some instances of sleeping, no unbecoming behavior apparent.

Ans. 2. nd

Love and unity are in good degree maintained, and detraction is guarded guard'd against with little exception. Care is taken to end differences when they appear.

Ans. 3. rd

Friends manifest a care to bring up those under their control in plainness as required, to restrain from pernicious reading and corrupt conversation, and endeavour to be exemplary themselves. We believe the Holy Scriptures are frequently read in their families.

Ans 4. th.

Spirituous liquors confined to medicinal purposes except in one instance. Careful as to taverns and places of public resort with little exception. Clear as to the remainder of this Query.

Ans 5. th.

The circumstances of the poor attended to and their necessities relieved, their children freely partake of learning to fit them for business. none placed out.

Ans. 6. th.

Parents and heads of families with the young and unmarried are generally careful that proceedings in respect to marriage conform to the requisitions of our discipline.

Ans. 7. th

We believe our testimony is maintained with regard to the several parts of this Query.

Ans. 8. th.

Friends are careful to inspect their affairs and settle their accounts, are generally punctual to their promises and just in the payment of their debts and careful to live within the bounds of their circumstances. Some care taken.

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Ans 9. th.

Care taken as to records; a few removals without certificates, some care taken.

Ans 10. th

Friends endeavour to deal with offenders in the spirit and manner as queried, and to place judgment when necessary according to discipline.

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All Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Newport 4th of 8th mo 1870.

By accounts from our Monthly Meetings the representatives to this meeting are from Rhode Island, David Buffum, Josiah Chace, and Jacob Mott, from Greenwich, Perez Peck, and Charles W. Carter, from Swansea, Joseph W. Anthony, William Chace, and Benjamin Chace. Providence, Thomas Harkness, James Dennis, Joseph H. Atwater, South Kingston, Peleg C. Collins, and Peter H. Collins, who are all present.

Our beloved friend David H. Bennett attended this meeting with a minute from Butternuts Monthly Meeting, endorsed by Butternuts Quarterly Meeting certifying unity with him as a minister, and with his present engagement. His company and religious services have been acceptable to us, and the clerk is directed to furnish ^{him with a copy of} this minute. The Queries have been read with the required answers from each of our Monthly Meetings.

The Representatives to the Yearly Meeting report they all attended except two, who were absent a portion of the time.

We have received the following minute from the Yearly Meeting relative to stock and we appoint Thomas Harkness and Wm. A. Robinson to see what further sum it may be necessary to raise for the use of this meeting, and to report the name of a

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friend to serve this meeting as Treasurer and report to our next meeting.

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It is concluded to raise Five Thousand Dollars to defray the expenses of the Yearly Meeting the coming year — And our Quarterly Meetings are requested to pay their respective proportions of said sum to Gideon C. Smith Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting. Rhode-Island's proportion twenty three per cent is Eleven hundred & fifty Dollars \$1150.

On behalf of the Meeting
Samuel Boyce " Clerk."

The following minute from our late Yearly Meeting has been received, and our several Monthly Meetings are requested to give attention to the subjects named and report as regards Ministers and Elders to this meeting in the 5th month next.

In order that a correct list of the members of our meeting of ministers and elders may be kept upon our records, our Quarterly Meetings are requested to report the names next year, of all the ministers and elders within their limits, and they are requested to report annually in addition to our present practice, all the names of those who remove without the limits of our Yearly Meeting, and of those who remove within the limits of each Quarterly Meeting.

The meeting was introduced into exercise on behalf of those who have been in membership with us, but on various accounts have lost that right, and also for the descendants of such, and for other nonmembers who manifest an attachment to Friends by attending our meetings; — and under a belief that a responsibility rests upon us, and a religious duty is required of us towards such, Monthly Meetings were encouraged to

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appoint Committees to visit them in the spirit of restoring love, and labor with them, in the ability afforded, in order to bring them into the bosom of the church, manifesting the interest and solicitude of Moses towards Hobab, his brother-in-law, witnessed by the kind invitation, "Come thou with us, and we will do thee good, for the Lord hath spoken good concerning Israel."

Signed on behalf of the Meeting.

Samuel Boyce, Clerk.

Received from the Yearly Meeting 400 Copies of printed minutes of our late Yearly Meeting, 250 Copies of Women's printed minutes. 15 printed Copies of Women's Epistles. 20 Copies Reports of Boarding School, and Extracts, also London Yearly Meeting Printed Epistle for 1869.

We unite with Greenwich Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the Gift and approving the public appearances in the Ministry of Guilmina Freeborn.

Having disposed of the business which claimed the attention of the meeting, we conclude, purposing to meet at Fall River in the 11th month next if the Lord permit.

Gideon C Smith

Clerk

Alt Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends
held at Fall River 3^d & 11th month 1870.

By accounts from our Monthly Meetings the representatives are from Rhode Island, George Bowen, Jacob Mott, and John R. Hicks. from Swansea, Daniels Buffington, Oadiah Chace, Abraham Macomber, & Leonard Underwood. Providence Thomas Harkness, James Dennis, & Thomas E. Steere. from South Kingston, Abel F. Collins, and Peleg G. Collins.

Account from Greenwich not received at this time.*

Our beloved friend Newell Hoxie attended this meeting with a minute from Sandwich Monthly Meeting certifying unity with him as a minister and with his present engagement, his company and religious services have been acceptable to us.

Our beloved friend Phoebe R. Gifford attended this meeting with a minute from Dartmouth Monthly Meeting certifying unity with her as a minister and with her present engagement, her company and religious services have been acceptable to us, the Clerk is directed to furnish Newell Hoxie with a minute made on his behalf and sign one on behalf of Phoebe R. Gifford.

The Queries have been read with answers to the 1st, 2nd, and 10th.

The Committee to settle the Treasurers account and for other purposes make the following report which is accepted and our several Monthly Meetings are requested to forward their several Quotas to Welcome Congdon who is appointed Treasurer for the ensuing year or until another appointment.

To the Quarterly Meeting.
The Committee to examine and settle the Treasurers account, to name a sum to be raised for the use

* Missing accounts received by the Clerk since the Quarterly Meeting.

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of the meeting, and propose the name of a Friend for Treasurer. Report attention to our appointment.

Balance in the hands of the Treasurer,
One hundred eighty eight dollars and 54 cents,
and we propose to raise Eleven hundred dollars,
and Welcome Congdon for Treasurer.

Providence 10th mo 28th 1870.

W. A. Robinson

Thomas Harkness. Committee.

Verbal reports from Representatives and other Friends from the Monthly Meetings, in regard to Advices from our late Yearly Meeting were received, and from information received, it is concluded that no action of this meeting is required at this time.

Having disposed of the business which claimed the attention of the meeting we conclude, proposing to meet at the usual time in Providence in 2nd mo 1871. (if the Lord permit.)

Osideon C. Smith
Clerk

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At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Providence 2nd mo 2nd 1871.

The representatives from the Monthly Meetings at Rhode Island, Abner Potter Jun^r, George Bowen and Joseph S. Anthony. from Greenwich, Perez Peck, and Solomon R. Knowles. from Swansea, Darius Buffinton, Charles A. Chace and Samuel R. Buffinton. from Providence, James Dennis, W^m A. Robinson, and Welcome Congdon. from South Kingston, Peter H. Collins, & John Babcock, who are present except two for the absence of whom a sufficient reason was given.

Perez Peck on behalf of the representatives reported that a portion of their number had conferred together and were united in proposing Eideon C. Smith for Clerk and Samuel Austin for assistant Clerk, with which the meeting united and they are appointed to these services for the current year or until another appointment.

Our beloved friend David Dudley attended this meeting with a minute from Sandwich Monthly Meeting expressing unity with him as a minister and with his present engagement, his company and religious services have been acceptable to us.

Our beloved friend Solomon Hoxie attended this meeting as companion of David Dudley with a minute from Sandwich Monthly Meeting certifying unity with him as a member and with his present engagement his company has been acceptable to us and the Clerk is requested to furnish them with copies of minutes written on their behalf.

The Queries have been read with answers to the 1st 2nd and 10th from each of our Monthly Meetings.

Rhode Island, Swansea, and Providence Monthly Meetings report the direction of the payment of their several Quotas of Stock to the Treasurer of the Quarterly Meeting.

Our beloved friend Abigail M. Hanson attended this meeting with a minute from Seabrook Monthly Meeting certifying unity with her as a minister and with her present engagement, her company and religious engagements have been acceptable to us. and the Clerk is directed to sign a returning minute prepared for her in the women's meeting.

We unite with Swansea Monthly Meeting in the acknowledgement of the gift and approving the public appearances in the Ministry of Susan Ann Gifford.

The sufferings of the people of France and Germany occasioned by the barbarous war existing between the two Nations, having been brought to the notice of

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this meeting, much sympathy was expressed for them and a Committee was set apart to receive donations and they were requested to forward the donations to received to Helderberg Congdon the Treasurer of this meeting who is directed to forward the same to our Friends in England to be used in conjunction with funds collected by them for the relief of the sufferers.

Having disposed of the business which claimed the attention of the meeting, we conclude, proposing to meet at East Greenwich at the usual time in the 5th month next if the Lord permit.

Gideon C. Smith, Clerk

A Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at East Greenwich 5th mo 4th 1871.

By accounts from our Monthly Meetings the representatives are from

Rhode Island, W^m Shearman, Stephen Chace, Abner Potter, Jun^r
Greenwich, Perez Peck, Solomon R. Knowles.
Swansey, Philip J. Tripp, Obediah Chase, Mark Anthony
Providence, Thomas Harkness, W^m H. Robinson.
James Dennis.

South Kingston, Edward W. Collins, Thomas W. Brown
all present except three for two of whom a reason was given.

The Queries have been read in this meeting with answers from each of our Monthly Meetings, from which the following summary has been compiled describing our state, which we forward for the information of the Yearly Meeting by our friends Perez Peck, Abner Slade, W^m Shearman, Thomas Harkness, Joseph Cartland, Stephen Chace, George S. Gould, Obediah Chase, Gideon C. Smith, W^m H. Robinson, Peter H. Collins, George Anthony, Philip J. Tripp. who are appointed representatives.

Our beloved friend Peace Jones attended this meeting with a minute from China Monthly Meeting certifying unity with her as a minister, and with her

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present engagement, her company and religious services have been acceptable to us, and the clerk is directed to sign a minute prepared in the women's meeting on her behalf.

The following Report of the Committee appointed in the 11th month 1869. to advise with a Committee of Greenwich Monthly Meeting, in regard to Friend's Meeting house at Warwick was received, and the recommendations approved by this meeting, and Greenwich Monthly Meeting is requested to take the necessary care in the case, with the advice of the same Committee.

To Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting,

The Committee appointed in the 11th month last 1869. on the request of Greenwich Monthly Meeting relative to the sale of a part of the meeting House lot at Warwick - Report we have examined the House and lot and the Deeds of the same, and are of the opinion it would not be advisable to sell any part thereof at present; which was freely united with by our friend Perez Peck representing said Monthly Meeting.

The House and fences need repairs for their preservation, the protection of the graves and the credit of the Society; which appears to us should receive attention of the Monthly Meeting and the assistance of the Quarterly Meeting if needed.

Providence 5th mo 5th 1871.

Thomas Harkness

Wm. H. Robinson } Committee.

A Testimony from Providence Monthly Meeting concerning our late friend Moses H. Beede was read and approved by this meeting and forwarded to the meeting for sufferings.

We unite with Greenwich Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gift and approving the public appearances in the ministry of Cynthia J. Earle.

Fifth month 1871.

This meeting proposes that the time of holding the meeting of Ministers and Elders be changed from 3 O'clock P.M. to 2 O'clock P.M. in the 8th month.

Having disposed of the business which claimed the attention of the meeting, we conclude, proposing to meet at Newport in the 8th month next if the Lord permit.

Answer 1.st

All our meetings have been attended except 20 during the past year — On First day morning by Friends generally, in the afternoon of that day and the middle of the week they are much neglected by some; — the hour nearly observed, unbecoming behavior avoided except some instances of sleeping.

Ans 2.nd

Love and unity nearly maintained, — Detraction mostly guarded against. when any differences arise endeavours are used to end them.

Ans 3.^d

Friends are generally careful to bring up those under their care in plainness of speech behaviour and apparel; to restrain them from pernicious reading and corrupt conversation, generally good examples themselves. The Holy Scriptures are frequently read in nearly all of Friends families.

Ans 4.th

Friends are careful to avoid the use of spirituous liquors and the unnecessary frequenting of taverns and places of public resort, and to observe moderation and temperance in the cases referred to.

Ans 5.th

The circumstances of the poor are attended to, none placed out.

Ans 6.th

More care on the part of some Friends in regard to the several points of this query would be desirable.

REPORT
OF THE
BOARDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE,

AND EXTRACTS FROM THE MINUTES OF THE YEARLY MEETING.

1870.

The Committee having charge of the Boarding School presented the following Report, viz. :

TO THE YEARLY MEETING :

In presenting their annual report of the condition of the Boarding School at Providence, the Committee feel themselves authorized to state that the standing of the institution, as one of the first of its class, under the management of its present board of officers has been maintained ; harmony and good order have prevailed, and they have been comforted in observing an increasing sense of religious obligation among its inmates, and in not a few cases undoubted proofs of a growth in Christian life have been witnessed. They can also with thankfulness report that no severe case of illness has occurred at the school during the past year.

The number of pupils during the Autumn term was one hundred and seventy-two, viz., one hundred and eight boys, and sixty-four girls. In the Spring term, one hundred and sixty-eight, viz., one hundred and seven boys, and sixty-one girls.

The officers of the institution have been Albert K. Smiley, Principal ; Rebecca H. Smiley, principal of the female department ; John F. Rowell, Thomas I. Battey, Besse T. Wing, Martha G. Read, and Mary Amy Collins, teachers of English branches ; William B. Phillips, teacher of ancient and modern languages ; Daniel C. Maxfield, teacher of mathematics ; and Catharine H. Austin, teacher of drawing.

The pupils and family continue to attend the meetings for worship held in Providence on First-day forenoons and in the middle of the week. First-day afternoons are occupied in scriptural instruction and reading, and portions of scripture are daily read to the assembled school in each department, in the morning and before retiring for the night.

In our report of last year it was stated that the net earnings of the school, as near as could be estimated, were \$3,547, but on definitely closing up the yearly accounts it was found that the further sum of $\$766\frac{81}{100}$ had been realized from the business of the year, reducing the debt then existing to $\$10,868\frac{26}{100}$. The report of the auditing committee now shows, that as near as can be ascertained, the income of the school to the end of the present term will exceed its expenses, including interest paid, by the sum of $\$4,957\frac{49}{100}$, which deducted from the amount of debt above, leaves the present indebtedness $\$5,910\frac{77}{100}$. From this favorable result we may infer that, with the Divine blessing, one year more of reasonable success will nearly finish the payment for the new building.

It must be a source of satisfaction to Friends of this Yearly Meeting to know that while the character and usefulness of the school have been kept up, and the charge for board and tuition to our own members has not been greater than is charged at other similar schools, there has been paid during the past six years from the earnings of the establishment towards the valuable improvements that have been made in the school buildings the sum of twenty-six thousand dollars.

We would propose that the charge for board and tuition the ensuing school year of forty weeks to members of our Yearly Meeting be reduced to one hundred and twenty dollars, and that no change be made at this time in the price to other classes of scholars.

Proposed Schedule of Prices of Tuition, &c., per Annum.

For members of our Yearly Meeting, ...	\$12.00
For members of other Yearly Meetings, or where one or both parents are members of our religious society, or for scholars sent at the expense of such, ...	190.00
For all others who may be admitted, ...	300.00

An additional charge of ten dollars to be made for one year's instruction in Latin, French, German, or Drawing, — one half payable at the commencement of the year, and one half at the opening after recess.

From information received from the treasurer of the school fund, it appears that the income from the charitable funds, including the Ebenezer Metcalf donation, will warrant the admission of eighteen scholars the ensuing school year.

A contribution in aid of our charitable funds, referred to in our report last year, amounting to one thousand eight hundred dollars, has been received and paid over to the treasurer of the school funds. While we commend the liberality of those who have contributed of the means wherewith the Lord has prospered them to this good work, we would urge upon all our dear friends throughout the Yearly Meeting the consideration whether they will not also lend a helping hand herein, that thus more of our members, who could not otherwise enjoy the benefit of the school, might be assisted in obtaining an education to qualify them for usefulness in their generation under the fostering care of the Society.

On behalf and by direction of the Committee.

WM. C. TABER, *Clerk.*

NOTE. — The first half-year begins 9th mo. 7th, 1870; closes 1st mo. 25th, 1871. Winter recess begins 1st mo. 25th, 1871; closes 2d mo. 8th, 1871. Second half-year begins 2d mo. 8th, 1871; closes 6th mo. 28th, 1871.

Regulations of the School Committee. — Pupils may be withdrawn at the close of the half-year only when application is made therefor at the time of entering. The Committee earnestly desire that the number of those who are withdrawn at the close of the first half-year may be as small as possible, as in the arrangement of classes and studies reference is made primarily to those who remain through the year, constituting, as they do, a large majority of the school, and it will therefore happen that those who remain but half the term will receive much less than a proportionate share of advantage.

Application for admission to the school should be made seasonably for the meeting of the committee on the 2d of Eighth month next. Those who are members of our Yearly Meeting will have precedence of all others to that date, after which applications will be considered in the order in which they are received. Those who desire the benefit of the charitable fund, or of the Ebenezer Metcalf donation, should apply at the time above specified. And in all cases information is expected of the age, moral habits, and literary acquirements of the applicants.

Applications for admission should be made to the principal. Address, Albert K. Smiley, Principal, Friends' Boarding School, Providence, R. I.

In order that a correct list of the members of our meeting of ministers and elders may be kept upon our records, our Quarterly Meetings are requested to report the names next

year, of all the ministers and elders within their limits, and they are requested to report annually in addition to our present practice, all the names of those who remove without the limits of our Yearly Meeting, and of those who remove within the limits of each Quarterly Meeting.

The meeting was introduced into exercise on behalf of those who have been in membership with us, but on various accounts have lost that right, and also for the descendants of such and for other non-members who manifest an attachment to Friends by attending our meetings;—and under a belief that a responsibility rests upon us, and a religious duty is required of us towards such, Monthly Meetings were encouraged to appoint committees to visit them in the spirit of restoring love, and labor with them, in the ability afforded, in order to bring them into the bosom of the church, manifesting the interest and solicitude of Moses towards Hobab, his brother-in-law, witnessed by the kind invitation, "Come thou with us, and we will do thee good; for the Lord hath spoken good concerning Israel."

Signed on behalf of the Meeting.

SAMUEL BOYCE, *Clerk.*

Ans 7.

Friends mostly careful as to a hireling Ministry, and no case of a military nature has come to our knowledge. Careful as to the remainder of this query.

Ans 8.th

Friends are careful to inspect their affairs and settle their accounts, generally punctual to their promises, just in the payment of their debts, and careful to live within the bounds of their circumstances.

Ans 9.

Careful as to records, — Some removals without certificates, care taken.

Ans 10.th

We believe care is taken to deal with offenders in the manner queried after, and to place judgment when necessary according to discipline.

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At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Newport 3^d of 8th mo 1871.

By accounts received at this time from our Monthly Meetings the representatives are from Rhode Island David Buffum, Jacob Mott, Abner Potter Junr, Greenwich, Percy Peck, Oliver W. Earle, Swansea, Hiram Buffington, Abner Shade, Nathan Chace Providence, Thomas Harkness, Gideon C. Smith James Dennis, South Kingston, Peter H. Collins, George S. Gardiner. who are present except two, for the absence of one of whom sufficient reason was given.

The Queries have been read with answers to the 1st 2nd and 10th from each of our Monthly Meetings.

The representatives to the Yearly Meeting report they all attended except one, for whose absence sufficient reason was given.

Received from the Yearly Meeting the following minute relative to Stock; whereupon we appoint,

Thomas Harkness and William L. Robinson to settle the Treasurer's account, and to see what sum is necessary to be raised and propose a friend for Treasurer of this meeting, and report to our next meeting.

At New England Yearly Meeting held on Rhode Island in the 6th month 1871.

It was concluded to raise the sum of five thousand dollars \$5.000, for the service of the meeting, for the ensuing year, and our several Quarterly Meetings are requested to forward to our Treasurer George Howland Jr. their respective proportions of that sum.

The quota of Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting is 23 per. ct. \$1.150.

Extracted from the minutes

Charles R. Tucker Clerk.

Received from the Yearly Meeting the following minute in regard to the time of meeting of Ministers and Elders in 8th month.

At New England Yearly Meeting of Friends held on Rhode Island in the 6th month 1871.

Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting proposes that the time of holding their Quarterly Meeting of Ministers and Elders in the 8th month, be changed from three to two O'clock in the afternoon, which is united with by this meeting. Extracted from the minutes of the Meeting. Charles R. Tucker, Clerk.

Received from the Clerk of the Yearly Meeting. 380 Copies of Men's printed minutes.

285 Copies of Women's printed minutes.

19 Copies of Epistles

13 Copies of Boarding School Reports

550 Copies of the Article issued by the

Women's Yearly Meeting on the subject of Peace.

all of which have been forwarded to our several Monthly Meetings.

Our beloved friend John S. Cornstock attended this meeting with a minute from Kitter Monthly Meeting certifying unity with him as an Elder and with his present engagement as companion to his wife Elizabeth S. Cornstock in her prospect of religious service. His company has been acceptable to us, and the clerk is requested to furnish him with a ^{copy of this minute.}

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Our beloved friend Elizabeth L. Constock attended this meeting with a minute from Rollin Montagu. Meeting endorsed by Adrian Quarterly Meeting certifying unite with her as a minister and with her present engagement, her company and religious services have been acceptable to us, and the Clerk is requested to sign a minute prepared for her in the women's meeting.

We unite with Providence Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gift and approving the public appearances in the ministry of Charlotte D. Holmes.

Having disposed of the business that claimed the attention of the meeting, we conclude, proposing to meet again at Fall River in the eleventh month next, if the Lord permit.

Gideon C. Smith Clerk

Eleventh Month 1871.

Rhode Island Quarterly meeting of Friends held at Fall River 2nd of 11th month 1871.

By accounts recieved at this time from our Monthly meetings, the representatives are from, Rhode Island, Isaac Hathaway, George Anthony, and George Bowen. from Greenwich, Jonathan Freeman and Perez Peck. from Swansea, Bartles Chace, Hiram Buffington, and Abner Slade. Providence, Thomas Blackness, Albert E. Simier, and Gideon C. Smith. South Kingston, Abel F. Collins, and George J. Gould who are all present.

The Queries have been read in this meeting with answers to the 1st, 2nd & 10th, from all our Monthly Meetings.

The Committee to settle the Treasurer's account, and for other purposes, make the following Report, which is satisfactory to the meeting and our several Monthly Meetings are requested to forward their several quotas to Helene Congdon whom we appoint our Treasurer.

To Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting

The Committee on the Treasury Report attention to their appointment, Balance in the hands of the Treasurer

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Eighty seven & 51/100 dollars, and propose to raise One hundred & fifty dollars in addition to the sum called for by the Yearly Meeting, together amounting to thirteen hundred dollars. and Welcome Congdon for Treasurer.

Providence 10. th. mo. 18th 1871.

Thomas Harkness

Wm. A. Robinson. Committee.

We have received from the Clerk of the Yearly Meeting 150 Copies of the London General Epistle for 1870 which we have distributed to our Monthly Meetings one of which has been read with trust to edification.

Our beloved friend Mary E. Bowerman attended this meeting with a minute from Rollin Monthly Meeting endorsed by Larian Quarterly Meeting certifying unity with her as a minister and with her present engagement, her company and religious services have been acceptable to us.

Our beloved friend Sarah E. Varney attended this meeting with a minute from China Monthly Meeting certifying unity with her as a minister and with her present engagement, her company and religious services have been acceptable to us.

Our beloved friend Phoebe R. Cartland attended this meeting as companion to Sarah E. Varney with a minute of unity from Durham Monthly Meeting her company has been acceptable to us, and the Clerk is directed to sign minutes on our behalf prepared in the women's meeting ^{for them}.

A proposition to change the hour of assembling of the Quarterly Meeting from 11 O'clock, to 10 1/2 O'clock, claiming the attention of the meeting, we appoint

Wm. Shearman, Jacob Mott, Jonathan Treborn, Perez Peck, Obadiah Chace, Hiram Buffington, Joseph Cartland, William A. Robinson, Abel S. Collins, and Francis W. Collins to consider the subject and report to a future meeting. Having by the renewed favor of our Heavenly Father been enabled to transact the business that claimed the attention of the meeting, we conclude proposing to meet at Providence in 2nd. mo. next if the Lord permit.

Edison C. Smith Clerk.

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Appendix

5th Month 1865.

All Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends
held at East Greenwich 5th mo 4th 1865.

To the Yearly Meeting.

Dear Friends,

The Queries have been read in this meeting, with answers thereto from each of our Monthly Meetings, from which the following Summary has been prepared as descriptive of our State, which we forward for your information by our friends David Burdum, Perez Peck, Samuel Bond Ticey, Abner Hyde, Timothy C Collins, Gilbert Congdon, Wm C Robinson, Thomas Harkness, Wm S Richardson, and Obadiah Chace, whom we have appointed to attend the Yearly Meeting as our Representatives.

We have received and read the London General Epistle for 1863, and its contents afforded us comfort and encouragement, and our Monthly Meetings and members were early supplied with 500 copies of the same, together with 450 copies of the printed minutes of our last Yearly Meeting and 12 copies of the Report of the Committee in charge of the Boarding School.

Our Treasurer has paid to yours the amount called for by minute of last year.

With the concurrence of the women's meeting we have united with Swansea Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Esther Chace to the station of Elder.

Bariah Collins an Elder and member of Greenwich Monthly Meeting, died 6th mo 4th 1864 aged 92 years 4 months and 10 days.

Signed by direction of the Meeting
Gilbert Congdon Clerk.

Note. Our Monthly Meetings duly received a printed minute from the Meeting for Suffices held in the 8th mo informing of an advance of the rates of tuition at the Boarding School.

5th month 1865.

General answers.

Ans 1st All our meetings have been attended since our last report to the Yearly Meeting, except five very small ones. — Although in several other instances but one member attended.

Most if not all of these omissions occurred in the middle of the week, and the reasons assigned for non-attendance, are, funerals occurring the same day — the attendance of Yearly Meeting, and in two cases the state of the weather combined with sickness in their families. —

On First days by Friends generally. Midweek Meetings and those for discipline more neglected.

The hour observed — No unbecoming behavior behaviour apparent except instances of sleeping.

Ans 2nd Love and unity pretty well maintained amongst us. Detraction guarded against with very little exception. — Care has been taken to end differences when they appear.

Ans 3^d Friends are mostly careful to bind up those under their direction in plainness as quoted after, and to restrain them from pernicious reading, and corrupt conversation — endeavouring to be good examples in these respects themselves.

We believe the Holy Scriptures are frequently read in Friends families.

Ans 4th Spirituous liquors are confined to medicinal purposes — the unnecessary frequenting of Taverns and other places of public resort mostly avoided. Moderation and temperance observed on the occasions referred to.

Ans 5 The circumstances of the ^{poor} are attended to and their necessities relieved — Their children partake of learning to fit them for business — none placed out.

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Ans 6 Parents and heads of families, with the young and unmarried are generally careful that all proceedings with respect to marriage conform to the requisitions of our Discipline.

Ans 7th We believe our testimony to the freedom of the Gospel Ministry has been maintained with one exception under care. — Against bearing arms and other military matters, excepting one instance of hiring a substitute. — Clear as to the other parts of this query.

Ans 8th We believe Friends are careful to inspect their affairs and settle accounts, also punctual to promises and just in the payment of debts, and to live within the bounds of their circumstances.

Ans 9 Recording attended to; — Several removals without certificates — some care taken.

Ans 10 Friends endeavour to deal with offenders as queried after, and to place judgment when required according to Discipline.

A proposition from Salem Quarterly Meeting in relation to the issuing of advice by this Meeting with regard to obtaining minute information in respect to the observance of the fourth query coming under consideration at this time, by reference from our Minutes of last year, and the subject of it having claimed our serious attention by the reading of the answers now received to that query, in consequence of a want of sufficiently definite information in regard to the use of spirituous liquors, it is the desire of this Meeting that our subordinate Meetings should in future make in their answers, a definite statement as to the number coming to their knowledge (should there unhappily be any within their limits) who use spirituous liquors, except for medicine, and Friends are requested to be faithful in the exercise of our Christian Discipline on this subject, and in the answers to all our queries, our Meetings are requested to make them as explicit as is practicable, and the Clerk is directed to furnish our subordinate Meetings with a copy of this minute.

From the Minutes of the Meeting.

SAMUEL BOYD TOBEY, CLERK.

*From the Minutes of the
Salem Meeting held 6m 1852,*

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In the account from Smithfield we are informed that Benjamin Wheeler wishes to be released from his appointment as correspondent of Uxbridge Monthly Meeting—whereupon we appoint Edward Earle of Worcester to supply his place.

In the Epistle addressed to this Meeting from Indiana, we are informed that "the following friends are appointed correspondents to sign certificates, minutes, &c.

Ashley Johnson for West Union Monthly Meeting in White Lick Quarter—address Monrovia, Morgan Co., Indiana.

Samuel P. Haviland for Greenwich Monthly Meeting in Alum Creek Quarter—address Greenwich, Huron Co., Ohio.

Micajah Johnson for Miami Monthly Meeting, Miami Quarter, in the place of James Smith deceased—address Waynesville, Warren Co., Ohio.

Change the address of Eleazer Hiatt for Chester Monthly Meeting, White Water Quarter, to Chester, Wayne Co. Ind'a."

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Extracted from the Minutes.

SAMUEL BOYD TOBEY, *Clerk.*

The Committee appointed to
sell the North lot, to appraise ^{and}
the amount of stock to be
raised, by each Monthly Meeting
18th Feb.

12	Rev. Mr. Monthly Meeting	56
13	Superior	38
14	Seamster	28
15	W. J. Smith	4
16	South St. St. St.	4

Attest
Wm. Brown
for the Committee

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To Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting

The committee to ap-
portion the payment of
the sums to be raised by
the Quarterly Meeting

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East Greenwich " "	- 3 "
South Kingstown " "	3 "
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W. A. Robinson for
the Committee

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~~Pindar~~	~~48~~	~~" "~~
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